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Above: Everton's Asa Hartford (left) and Southampton's Kevin Keegan — total cost £900,000.

Below: Manchester United's Garry Birtles, priced at £1,250,000 and one of the main reasons his club sits at the top of our 'Big Spenders' League.

But can a bulging bank account guarantee success on the football field?

Match writer Melvyn Beck has been finding out . . . and the answer is a resounding NO!

Our exclusive 'Big Spenders' table clearly shows that money doesn't necessarily buy a high League position.

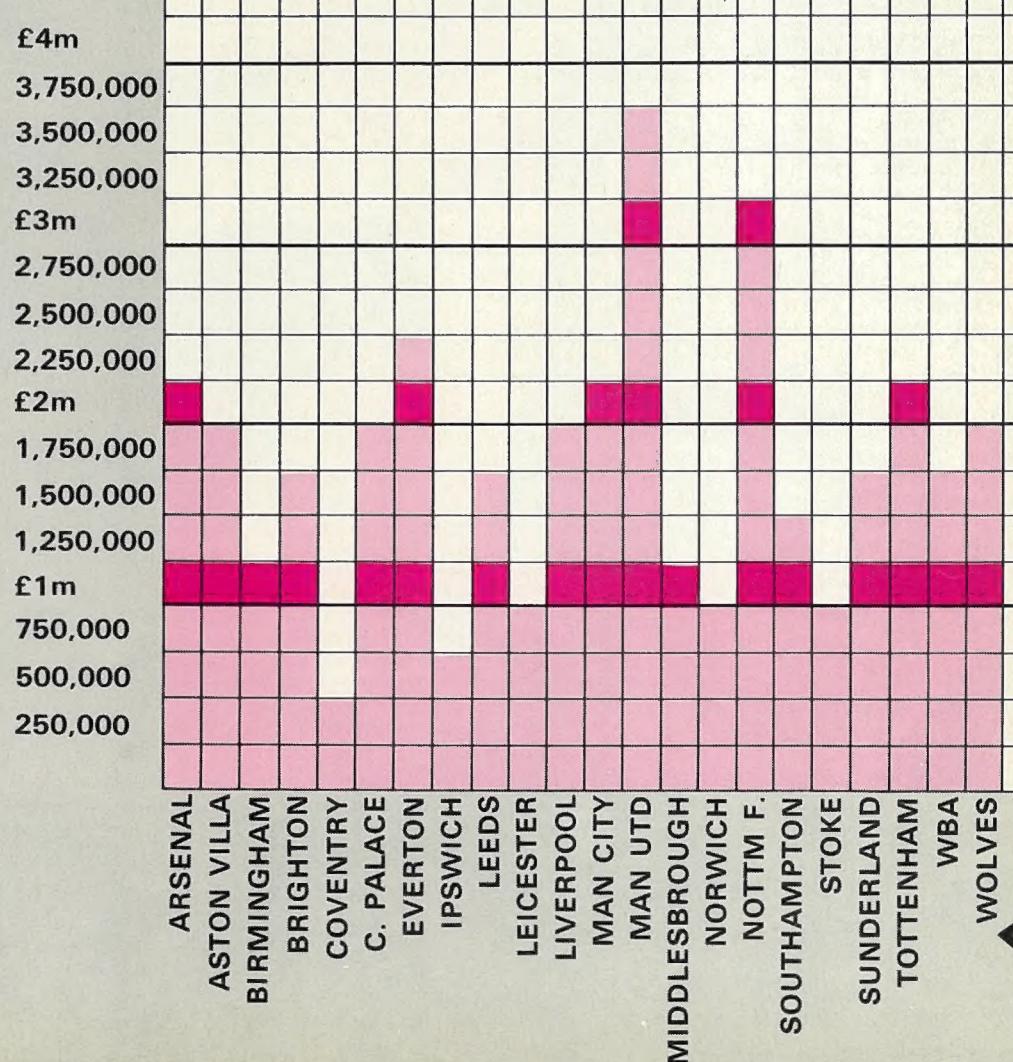
We went through the wheeling and dealings of each First Division side and as you can see that it makes fascinating reading . . .

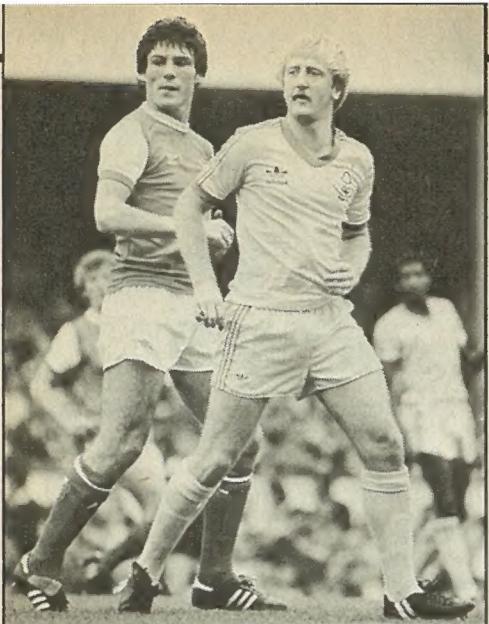


Above: Malcolm Allison . . . Mr 'Big Spender' himself before Manchester City sacked him.

Right: Arsenal's cost-nothing Frank Stapleton (left) and Nottingham Forest's £135,000 buy Kenny Burns.

Hey, Big





How does your favourite team fare in our 'Big Spenders' League table?

The transfer totals are only approximate and are based on each club's strongest line-ups. They don't include players out of favour or those injured at the time of our survey.

BIG SPENDERS LEAGUE

Team	Outlay	Lg position at time of survey
1 Man. United	£3,535,000	9
2 Nottm Forest	£2,985,000	5
3 Everton	£2,180,000	10
4 Tottenham	£2,085,000	8
5 Arsenal	£2,045,000	7
6 Man. City	£2,042,000	13
7 Wolves	£1,835,000	18
8 Liverpool	£1,815,000	3
9 Aston Villa	£1,740,000	2
10 C. Palace	£1,650,000	22
11 Leeds	£1,600,000	12
12 West Brom.	£1,518,000	4
13 Sunderland	£1,515,000	17
14 Brighton	£1,485,000	19
15 Southampton	£1,200,000	6
16 Birmingham	£1,070,000	14
17 Middlesbrough	£1,000,000	11
18 Stoke	£730,000	15
19 Leicester	£700,000	20
20 Norwich	£630,000	21
21 Ipswich	£620,000	1
22 Coventry	£365,000	16



Above: Coventry's Gary Gillespie — one of the very few players at Highfield Road who demanded a fee.

Below: Ipswich Town's Alan Brazil — like so many of the club's players he cost nothing.

Spenders!..

TAKE A LESSON FROM IPSWICH AND COVENTRY

"HEY, big spender." That's the theme song for most of the First Division clubs as they spend, spend, spend in search of success.

Six clubs have splashed out more than £2 million with Manchester United topping the list at a cool £3,535,000 as they attempt to revive the glory days at Old Trafford.

A further eleven clubs have forked out more than £1 million in assembling teams they hope will bring them honours.

But Championship favourites Ipswich Town are showing that success can be achieved without fat cheques.

Manager Bobby Robson's total outlay on a team that is chasing a unique treble — League, FA Cup and UEFA Cup — is a mere £620,000.

He paid £240,000 for England striker Paul Mariner, a total of £350,000 for Dutch stars Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren and just £30,000 for goalkeeper Paul Cooper.

The rest of his talented regular

side are all home grown, which is living testament to the club's successful youth policy and shrewd scouting network.

In other words, Andy Gray cost Wolves twice as much as the entire Ipswich team!

The achievements of Robson in the development of young players is underlined when one considers that Liverpool's championship side of the past two seasons cost almost £2 million.

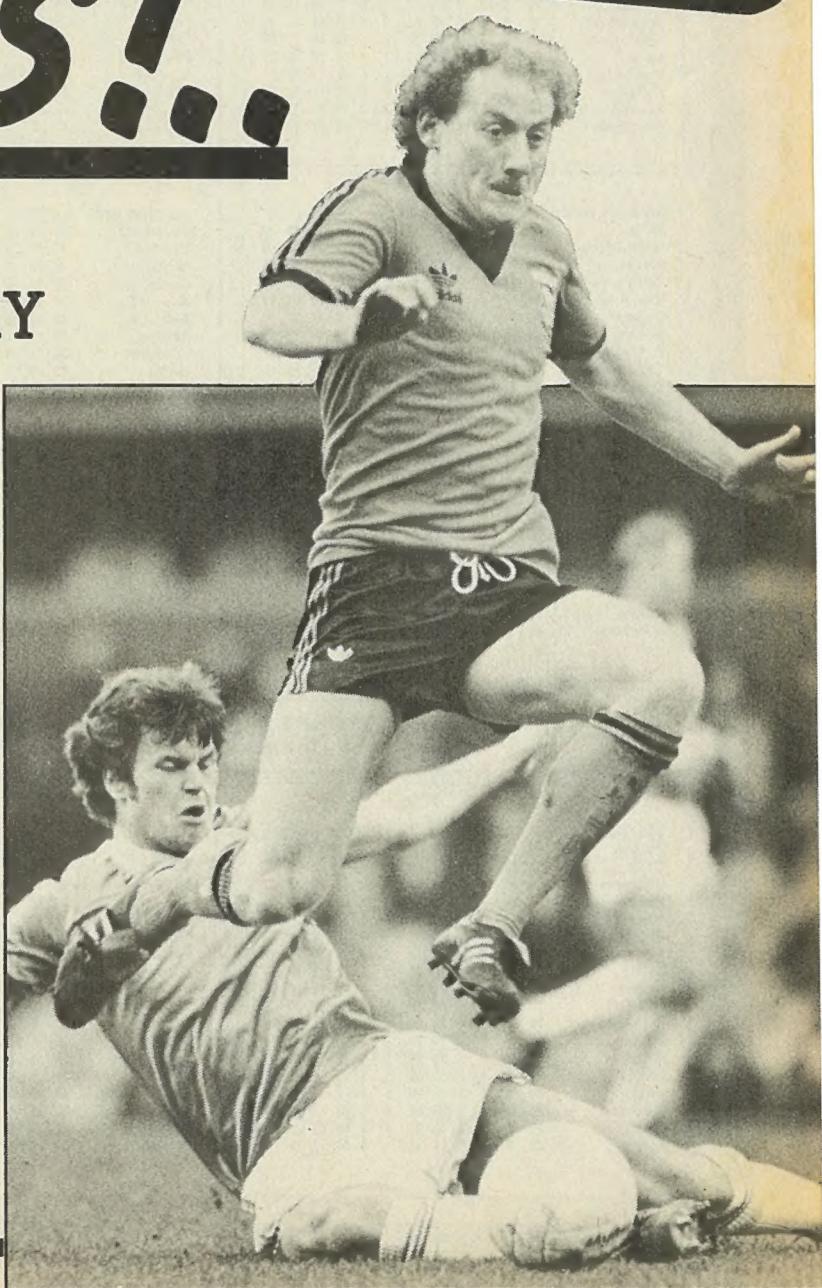
Aston Villa, Ipswich Town's rivals for the coveted First Division crown, have spent almost £1½ million in re-shaping their side, with big striker Peter Withe costing almost as much as the Ipswich team.

Like Ipswich, Coventry City are hoping that their unyielding faith in youngsters will repay them big dividends in the near future.

Gordon Milne's side came close to their first-ever Wembley appearance this season in the League Cup.

They made their exit in the semi-finals against West Ham with a team that cost even less than Ipswich.

For a little over £350,000 they have bought Gerry Daly, Gary Gillespie and Steve Hunt to supplement emerging youngsters from the club's youth system.



Left: The graph shows the approximate amount of money each First Division club has spent in building their strongest team. For example, Manchester United have splashed out more than £3½ million compared with Coventry's very modest £360,000.

FLASHBACK

Where was your
favourite team on . . .

March 28,
1973

ENGLISH LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE	HOME	AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	35	15	1	1	41	18	7	4	23	18	52			
Arsenal	36	14	4	1	30	12	8	4	5	21	20	52		
Leeds	33	13	4	1	35	11	5	6	4	22	23	46		
Ipswich	34	9	5	4	30	17	7	5	4	18	17	42		
Newcastle	35	11	5	2	32	16	4	5	8	22	26	40		
Wolves	34	10	2	5	32	20	5	7	5	20	22	39		
West Ham	35	10	4	3	37	19	4	5	9	19	26	37		
Tottenham	35	8	3	5	25	16	5	6	6	20	20	35		
Derby	35	12	2	3	33	16	2	5	11	10	35	35		
Southampton	35	7	9	1	20	11	2	7	9	15	28	34		
Coventry	34	8	5	4	24	18	4	4	9	12	21	33		
Chelsea	33	6	4	24	17	3	8	6	18	25	32			
Leicester	35	7	7	4	22	16	2	6	9	15	26	31		
Man City	34	9	4	3	28	15	2	5	11	18	30	31		
Everton	33	7	3	7	22	19	4	5	7	10	15	30		
Sheff United	35	8	4	6	20	15	3	4	10	18	35	30		
Birmingham	35	7	6	3	29	17	2	5	12	11	31	29		
Stoke	35	7	7	2	29	15	2	2	15	19	35	27		
Man United	34	7	6	4	20	17	1	5	11	15	30	27		
C. Palace	34	6	6	6	22	19	1	5	10	12	25	25		
Norwich	34	5	9	4	18	16	3	0	13	11	36	25		
West Brom	35	6	7	4	19	20	1	3	14	11	32	24		

DIVISION TWO	HOME	AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burnley	35	10	6	2	36	18	9	7	1	23	13	51		
QPR	34	12	4	1	43	13	6	8	3	23	22	48		
Blackpool	36	9	6	3	29	14	6	4	8	19	29	40		
Sheff Wed	36	12	3	3	37	10	3	6	9	17	28	39		
Aston Villa	34	9	5	4	22	15	5	6	5	19	23	39		
Oxford	35	12	1	4	31	14	4	5	9	14	21	38		
Fulham	34	10	4	3	29	14	4	6	7	22	26	38		
Middlesbrough	36	10	5	3	22	12	3	7	8	13	26	38		
Luton	33	5	8	5	23	12	8	2	5	18	17	34		
Millwall	35	11	3	3	29	14	3	4	11	21	28	35		
Bristol City	35	5	7	4	20	15	7	4	8	27	30	35		
Nottm F	35	10	5	3	27	15	2	6	9	12	25	35		
Hull	33	8	6	3	34	18	3	5	8	17	29	33		
Sunderland	30	7	5	2	23	10	4	4	8	20	27	31		
Portsmouth	35	5	6	7	18	10	5	4	8	20	27	30		
Preston	35	5	6	6	16	22	5	4	9	17	33	30		
Carlisle	34	9	4	4	36	20	1	5	11	7	21	29		
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Swindon	36	6	8	4	25	22	2	5	11	17	35	29		
Huddersfield	35	5	9	4	18	18	1	6	10	14	29	27		
Cardiff	33	10	1	5	26	19	0	5	12	8	32	26		
Brighton	35	5	6	6	25	27	1	4	13	13	46	22		

DIVISION THREE	HOME	AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	38	15	3	1	35	8	7	5	6	22	25	49		
Notts County	39	14	3	2	30	11	5	5	10	21	32	46		
Blackburn	39	10	6	3	27	11	8	4	8	20	28	46		
Bournemouth	39	12	6	2	40	15	3	8	8	20	23	44		
Bristol Rvs	40	15	4	1	49	16	1	8	11	16	33	44		
Oldham	38	11	4	4	35	16	5	8	6	27	31	44		
Grimsby	39	14	1	4	40	15	4	6	10	23	33	43		
Port Vale	37	13	4	2	33	18	4	5	9	10	34	43		
Tranmere	39	11	7	2	35	14	3	7	9	15	25	42		
Charlton	39	11	5	4	40	19	5	3	11	20	34	40		
Plymouth	38	12	2	5	36	18	4	5	10	23	35	39		
York	40	8	9	3	22	10	4	5	11	16	25	38		
Chesterfield	38	10	4	5	31	19	4	5	10	16	26	37		
Rochdale	39	6	8	6	16	21	5	7	6	21	27	37		
Shrewsbury	38	9	1	2	15	14	3	4	12	12	30	37		
Southend	39	10	6	4	27	13	3	4	12	16	33	36		
Walsall	38	12	2	4	31	19	3	4	13	17	37	36		
Wrexham	39	8	9	2	28	20	2	7	11	12	28	36		
Rotherham	40	10	4	5	29	22	4	3	14	15	36	35		
Watford	38	9	6	3	26	18	1	7	12	9	22	33		
Brentford	39	12	4	5	31	15	2	1	15	12	40	33		
Swansea	39	9	5	3	21	15	2	4	13	13	38	33		
Halifax	36	5	7	6	17	18	3	6	9	11	22	29		
Scunthorpe	39	7	6	7	16	22	2	2	15	11	38	26		

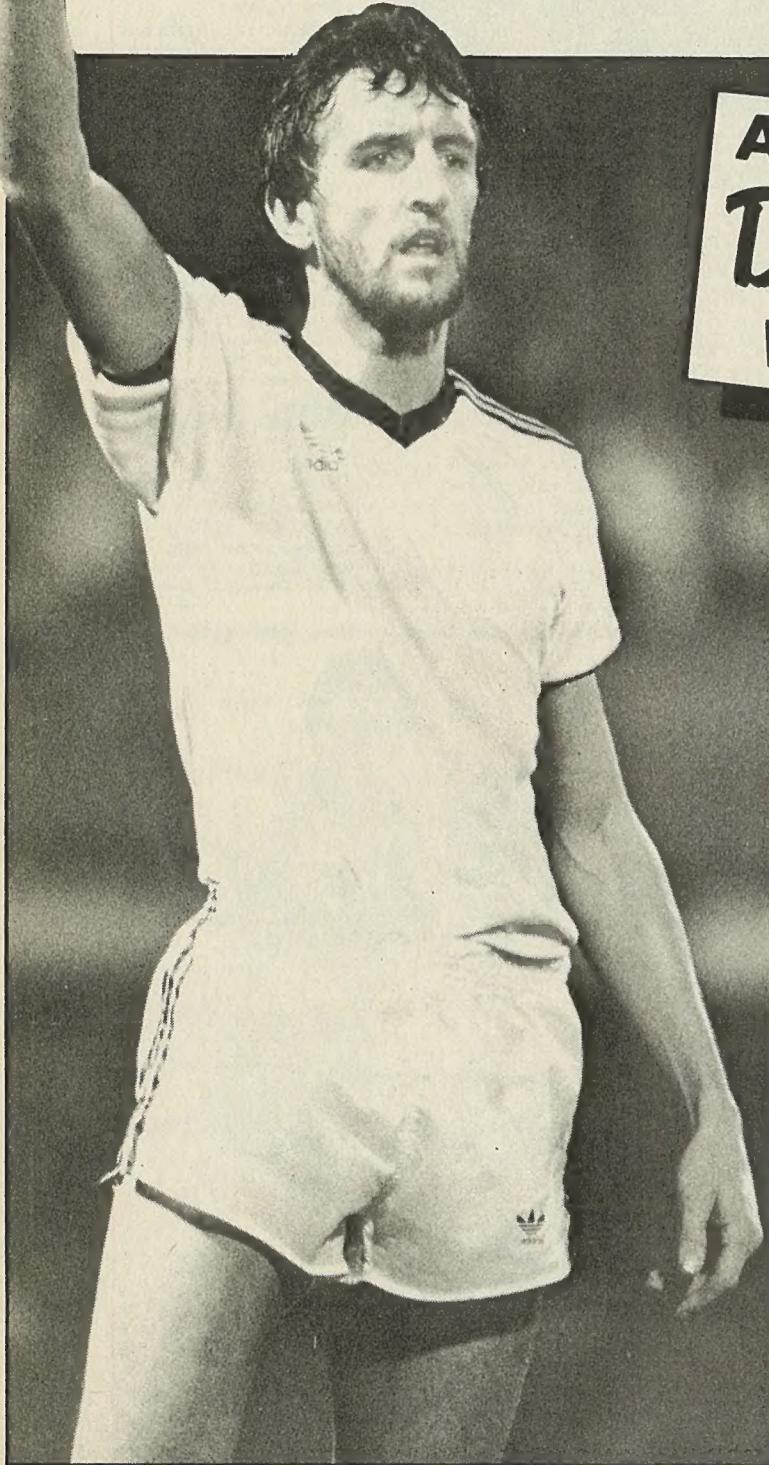
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Southport	39	15	3	2	37	10	7	6	6	27	25	53		
Hereford	40	15	4	1	35	12	5	7	8	17	21	51		
Mansfield	40	13	7	0	45	14	5	6	9	23	28	49		
Cambridge	40	12	6	2	35	11	4	10	6	23	30	48		
Newport	39	12	4	3	30	14	7	6	7	22	22	48		
Aldershot	39	12	5	2	28	12	6	4	9	22	23	45		
Reading	36	12	6	2	29	6	2	7	7	12	22	41		
Stockport	38	11	6	2	31	15	4	5	10	15	27	41		
Exeter	38	12	6	1	36	16	4	3	12	13	30	41		
Worthington	39	13	7	1	40	20	2	3	13	11	33	40		
Lincoln	39	9	6	4	32	24	3	9	8	23	25	39		
Gillingham	38	11	4	3	34	17	3	7	9	17	30	39		
Hartlepool	39	8	8	3	15	9	4	6	10	14	28	38		
Bradford	39	11	5	4	33	17	4	5	11	17	34	38		
Chester	39	10	5	5	38	17	2	8	9	16	27	37		
Doncaster	39	9	7	3	25	11	4	4	12	17	30	37		
Barnsley	39	8	7	5	27	21	4	5	10	21	34	36		
Bury	38	7	7	5	21	19	2	11	6	16	24	36		
Peterborough	38	10	6	4	40	26	2	5	11	24	42	35		
Torquay	39	8	7	4	20	13	2	7	11	16	27	34		
Crewe	38	6	7	6	16	18	2	9	8	17	31	32		
Northampton	40	6	6	7	24	23	3	4	14	15	39	28		
Colchester	37	5	7	5	23	21	2	2	16	11	42	23		
Darlington	40	2	8	9	22	39	2	5	14	13	38	21		

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE	HOME	AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A
Rangers	29	12	2					

NEVER FORGET

CROSS GAVE ME THE NOD



ASTON VILLA SKIPPER
Dennis Mortimer
WRITES FOR MATCH

... AND WHEN THE FANS GOT ON MY BACK

AFTER just three first team games with my new club, life at Villa Park turned sour.

I'd hardly got settled in when I strained some ligaments in my leg and was out of action for eight weeks.

Unfortunately I was pitched back into action when I wasn't fully fit and it was then I realised the pressure there is on a big money player.

I can understand what Manchester United's £1.2m signing Garry Birtles is going through now because I suffered from the same problem.

My £175,000 price tag became a big headache for me and that's why I can't believe players who say a big fee doesn't worry them.

When I returned to the Villa team they were struggling and that didn't help my comeback. I lost form, my confidence went and the fans started to get on my back.

I felt they were harsh on me because they don't understand what an injury like that takes out of a player.

But I wasn't playing up to my capability and to be honest I was glad to see the season end.

However, the next couple of seasons were to be so different and culminated in Aston Villa winning the League Cup — I'll tell you more about that next week.



Manchester United's Garry Birtles — I know that a price tag like his can be a big headache.

David Cross, the West Ham striker who gave Villa a glowing report about Dennis Mortimer.

NEXT WEEK My greatest moment

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Peter Shilton greets new-boy Ronnie Sinclair.

Ronnie's a natural says Shilton

NOTTINGHAM Forest are hoping they have got a new Peter Shilton in the making following the signing of Scottish schoolboy international Ronnie Sinclair.

The 16-year-old has been signed by Brian Clough as an apprentice and already he's making a big impression with club's A team.

And Shilton himself has been enthusing about Sinclair's ability. The England keeper commented: "He looks a bit of a natural to me even though he's only a youngster."

"He's got a clean pair of hands and the ball really sticks to him no matter what the circumstances. It's a good sign but I am sure he realises he's got a long way to go in the game yet."

MEXICO bound . . . that's First Division championship chasers Aston Villa.

As a reward for their title challenge, the Villa players are to spend 15 days in Mexico and California at the end of the season.

Meanwhile Villa's crunch

HORRIFIED

I WAS sickened and horrified to see the moment Wolves midfielder Peter Daniel broke his right leg against Aston Villa, captured in a five-picture sequence. It has never been our policy to criticise other publications and with that in mind I won't name it, standards of good taste must be maintained. I refuse to let this pass without comment, particularly as it was also seen fit to dress up the feature by breaking up the lettering on the word 'disaster'. When we attract our kind of impressionable readership, we must be wary of the treatment given to this kind of incident.

★★★★★

Holland blow

THE unlucky Pat Holland, who missed his second Wembley final in ten months because of injury, looks like being a spectator again for West Ham's League Cup Final replay.

Pat, injured shortly before the semi-final clash with Coventry, could be out of senior action for the rest of the season.

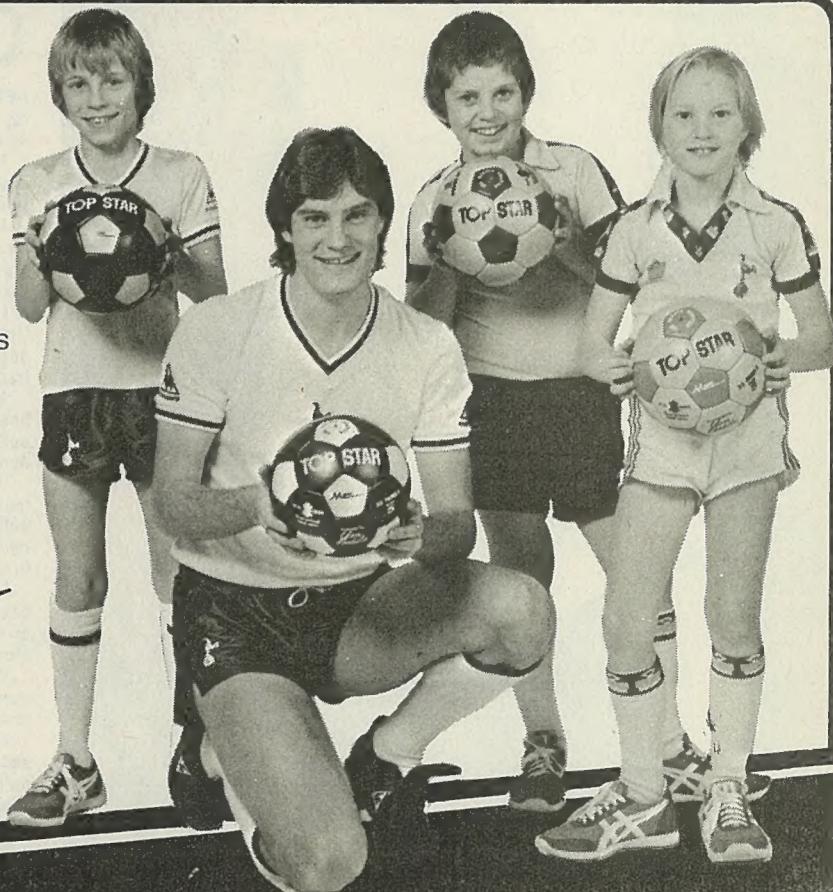
Villa trip

home game with title favourites Ipswich, postponed for a second time because of Town's FA Cup replay with Nottingham Forest, has been re-arranged for Wednesday, April 15.

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'Birtles-better than I thought' says Sexton

MANCHESTER United manager Dave Sexton sprung to the defence of his record buy Garry Birtles saying: "He's turned out to be a better player than I thought."

Birtles (left), who cost United one and a quarter millions from Nottingham Forest last October . . . is still without a single League goal, and he recently admitted:

"I've let Dave Sexton down . . . it's my fault he's being subjected to so much criticism, people should blame me not him."

Indeed the situation was brought to a head recently when Forest boss Brian Clough offered to buy Birtles back . . . an

offer Sexton didn't even give a second thought.

"I'm happy to stake my whole reputation on Birtles," says Sexton, "both as a bloke and as a player. I've been very impressed with his footballing ability and brain . . . I'm sure, given time, it will all come all right."



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OFFER: Manchester Utd. silk and woolen scarf.

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OFFER: 1979-80 Spurs annual signed by Ossie Ardiles, plus 1978 and 1979 FA Cup Final programmes.

WANTS: Any Spurs away programmes from this season. William Alexander, 79 Portree Avenue, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, Scotland.

OFFER: Five football annuals.

WANTS: Ipswich Town programmes from this season or player's autographs.

Michael Cox, Chatwood, Ashford Hill Road, Headley, Newbury, Berks.

Match Chat

Compiled by Bob Wartes

Back in the limelight

PETER Ward, Nottingham Forest's £400,000 striker was back in the first team limelight as a second half substitute against his old club Brighton.

And although the former England 'B' front-runner still has to make an impact at the City Ground there is no shortage of belief in his ability.

Forest assistant manager Peter Taylor, commented: "I am more confident than ever that Peter can make a big impression with us. He has not made the most of his chances so far (just two goals in 13 matches) . . . but he will put that right."

"He was an idol down at Brighton but he has had to work to get himself sorted out at Forest. A lot of people have questioned his ability but I have never doubted it and he will prove me right in the long run."

Gynn's £100 tonic

PETERBOROUGH's Mick Gynn looks pleased with himself — and no wonder. He is pictured after receiving our Fourth Division Matchman of the Month award for February plus a cheque for £100.

It all goes to prove that we cannot be accused of overlooking good football when it happens right under our noses . . . we can see Peterborough's floodlights from our top floor offices in the City's centre!



Wark record

IPSWICH TOWN'S top scorer John Wark, the Professional Footballers' Association's 'Player of the Year', equalled a club record just a day before he was honoured by his fellow players.

His tenth penalty of the season in the 3-0 win over Tottenham took his spot kick tally for the club to 25 — equalling the record held since the late fifties by Ted Phillips.

But Scottish international John has achieved his tally in 27 attempts compared with Ted's 28.

● See our spotlight on the 'Penalty Kings' later in this issue.

MATCH VERDICT

LIVERPOOL and West Ham get to grips again at Villa Park on Wednesday to decide the destination of the Football League Cup.

After the controversial and dramatic finale to the first encounter at Wembley the scene is set for an action-packed second episode.

Can Liverpool collect the only domestic honour to elude them over the years or can West Ham strike another blow for the underdog from the Second Division? These intriguing questions could now be answered in the Midlands — an area which has dominated the competition over the past few seasons.

Here the Match Weekly 'team' give their predictions. See if you agree with their verdicts ...

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MATCH VERDICT... MATCH VERDICT...

Liverpool can't fail with Phil

RAY Stewart's last-kick-of-the-game penalty at Wembley meant but a stay of execution for West Ham!

The Hammers' full-back showed composure beyond his years when he drove the ball past Ray Clemence before a hushed 100,000 fans.

But it is because too few of his team mates possess the same temperament that I believe Liverpool will at last lift the trophy that has eluded them for so long.

After scaling the heights in Europe as well as in every other domestic competition, the Anfield stars no longer have to come to terms with the atmosphere as well as the opposition.

Or at least not to the same extent as many of the players they are facing.

Liverpool's attitude and optimism will also be fired by the return of skipper Phil Thompson — in my mind the most important man in the team.

At Wembley the Hammers did precious little to convince me they can crack the Reds' rearguard . . . Paul Goddard in particular suffering from the size of the occasion.

With Thompson back their task looks virtually impossible.

At the other end the classy Dalglish and Johnson, prompted by the very in-form Souness, look the men most likely to score.

West Ham are to be admired. But as a great believer in quality I see more of it in Liverpool's team than in West Ham's.

PREDICTION: Liverpool 2, West Ham 0.
MELVYN BAGNALL

THE champagne bubbles will be blowing in the direction of Liverpool after the Villa Park showdown.

The 'red machine' has been serviced and oiled after operating below full power earlier this year to the extent that they are now running into the kind of smooth form that could bring them the European Cup for the third time.

That's why my head must rule my heart in backing Liverpool to take the League Cup home for the first time.

I've always had a soft spot for the quality football West Ham have produced over the years and, as they proved at Wembley, they have all the ingredients necessary to emerge as a forceful First Division club.

But evidence from the Wembley stalemate suggests that Liverpool may have a few extra gears left to select than West Ham.

Liverpool were further away from top form than West Ham and that's why I take the likes of Graeme Souness, Terry McDermott and Ray Kennedy to make it more uncomfortable this time for Billy Bonds and Co.

And if Phil Thompson is back to organise matters at the back then my inkling for a Liverpool victory will be even stronger.

Yes, I'm going for a Liverpool win because I have had to choose, but it will



LEFT



LEFT: Trevor Brooking (immediate left of referee) leads the protests of the West Ham players after Liverpool's extra time goal at Wembley.

MATCH VERDICT.

Johnson holds key to glory

INJURY-PLAGUED striker David Johnson holds the key to success for Liverpool.

But for him missing the Wembley final, the League Cup — the one trophy which has eluded the 'Merseyside greats' — would now be gleaming through the glass in the Anfield trophy cabinet.

At Wembley, even the great Kenny Dalglish — widely acclaimed as one of the top strikers in the game today — looked lost without Johnson by his side.

Steve Heighway, Johnson's replacement and so influential in Liverpool's marvellous 5-1 victory over CSKA Sofia earlier in the month, rarely troubled West Ham in the first encounter and did little to help Dalglish.

And no way is Liverpool's marvellous young midfielder Sammy Lee a front-runner . . . despite his energetic efforts alongside Dalglish at Wembley after Heighway was taken off.

For me, Liverpool manager Bob Paisley's decision to send Lee up front was a strange move . . . far better I would have thought to have pushed Ray Kennedy — once a striker with Arsenal — into the fray alongside Dalglish.



David Johnson . . . could be a key man in the Liverpool side.

I'm backing the 'Red machine'

be one of those nights when I won't mind who goes up to collect the trophy so long as football comes out a winner.

PREDICTION: Liverpool 2, West Ham 0.
MELVYN BECK

So, a fully-fit David Johnson is the man who can cause the super-efficient West Ham centre-back Alvin Martin a few problems . . . and feed Dalglish with those balls he loves to turn on and crash towards the goal.

West Ham have proved they are no pushovers and in David Cross and Paul Goddard have a proven goalscoring partnership, but even a Liverpool defence minus regular skipper Phil Thompson was rarely worried at Wembley.

Thompson's presence in the replay — if he's fit — will be just as important as his unflinching play.

With Johnson and Thompson still missing, it may still go to another game . . . if they both play they'll pop the West Ham bubbles.

PREDICTION: 3-1 to Liverpool.
PAUL STRATTON

LEAGUE CUP

FINAL

REPLAY PREVIEW

Hammers, just the ticket!

ASTON Villa's claret and blue stadium will feel just like home to the hoards of West Ham fans streaming through Spaghetti Junction to the League Cup replay on Wednesday.

Villa Park proved to be a luckless battleground for Liverpool in last season's FA Cup re-matches with Arsenal and I don't see their fortunes changing this time.

Hammered and sickled out of the Cup Winners' Cup by the Russians, Billy Bonds' men see red-shirted Liverpool standing between them and a return ticket to Europe next Autumn.

That will be incentive enough for Trevor Brooking and Alan Devonshire, still seething from that debatable Alan Kennedy goal at Wembley a fortnight ago, to put the record straight.

I have never seen the usually ice-cool Brooking so mad as when that goal was

allowed to stand, while the way Bonds refused to let even the exhausted Devonshire sit down to pull up his socks for the final match-saving flourish indicated to me that Hammers won't let it slip this time.

By Kenny Dalglish's high standards he was unnaturally inactive in Wembley's second-half and from my observation point, saw little more of the ball in Sofia.

If he has a fully-fit David Johnson as his goal-hunting partner then West Ham beware, but if not then I'm backing London's pride to end Midland dominance, with Stuart Pearson a key factor.

PREDICTION: West Ham 2, Liverpool 1
(after extra time).

BOB WARTERS

DID YOU KNOW . . .

THE only two League Cup finals that required replays both featured Merseyside lost. Liverpool went down 1-0 to Nottingham Forest and Everton lost 3-2 to Aston Villa in a second replay. Will it be

DID YOU KNOW . . .

ON the occasions Liverpool and Everton lost in the League Cup Final replays, they both defeated Coventry City on the way to their respective finals. This season Coventry went out to West Ham in the semi-finals. Is this an omen?

DID YOU KNOW . . .

LIVERPOOL entered the League Cup in its first season (1960-61), but never bothered to enter for the next six seasons . . . maybe that's why they have never won the trophy!

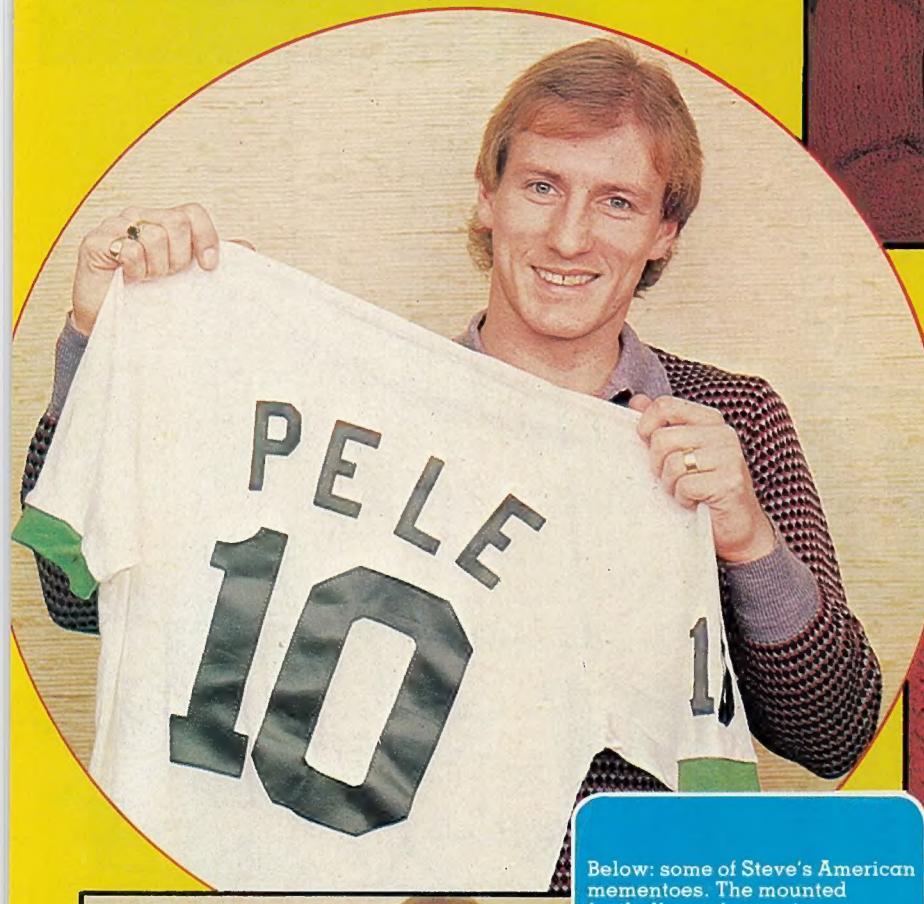
DID YOU KNOW . . .

THERE have been two previous League Cup meetings between West Ham and Liverpool (not including last month's Wembley tie). In the Fourth Round in Season 1971-72 West Ham beat Liverpool 2-1 and in the Second Round in season 1973-74 Liverpool won 1-0 at Anfield after a 2-2 draw at Upton Park.

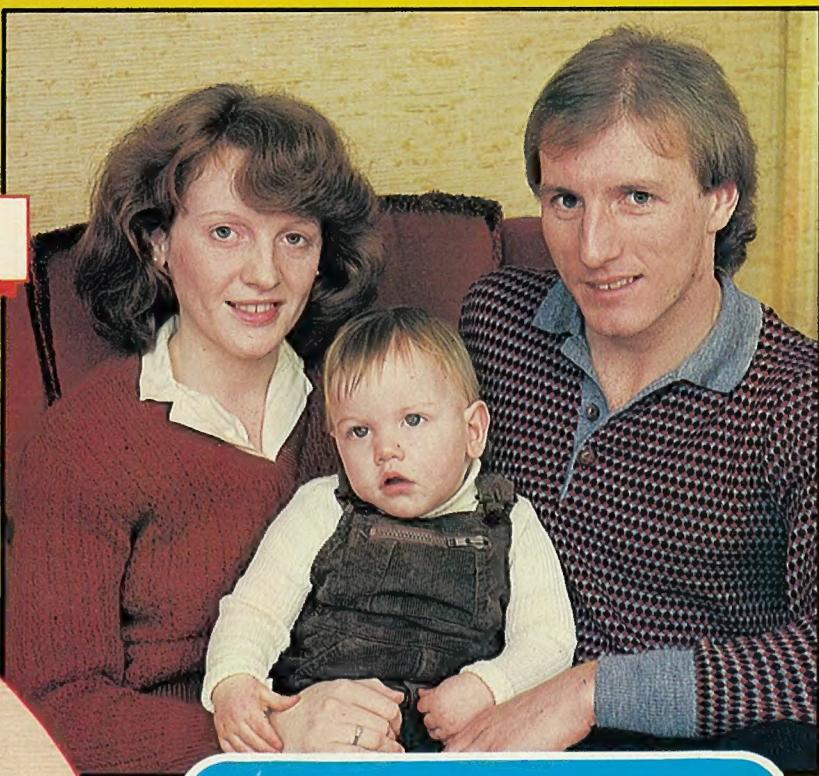
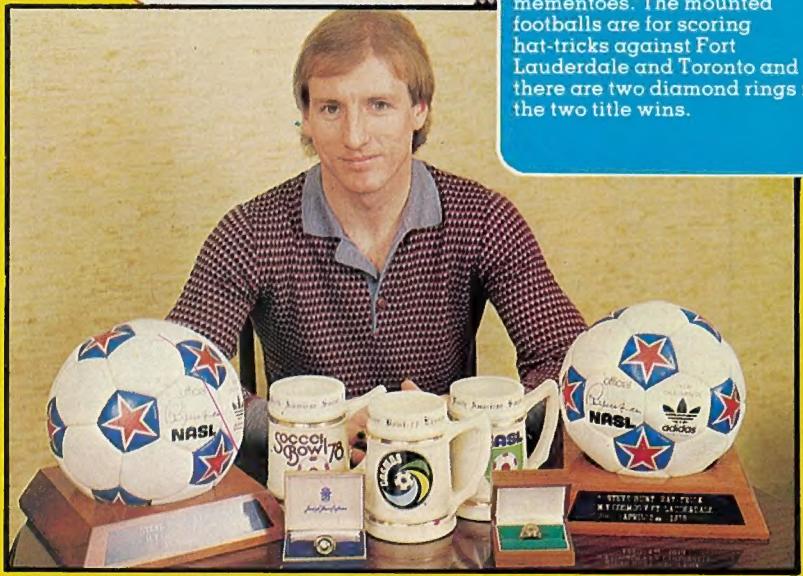
DID YOU KNOW . . .

GEORGE KAY, the West Ham centre-half in the club's first-ever FA Cup Final in 1923 (they lost 2-0 to Bolton in the first Wembley final), later became the manager of Liverpool.

steve HUNT COVENTRY CITY



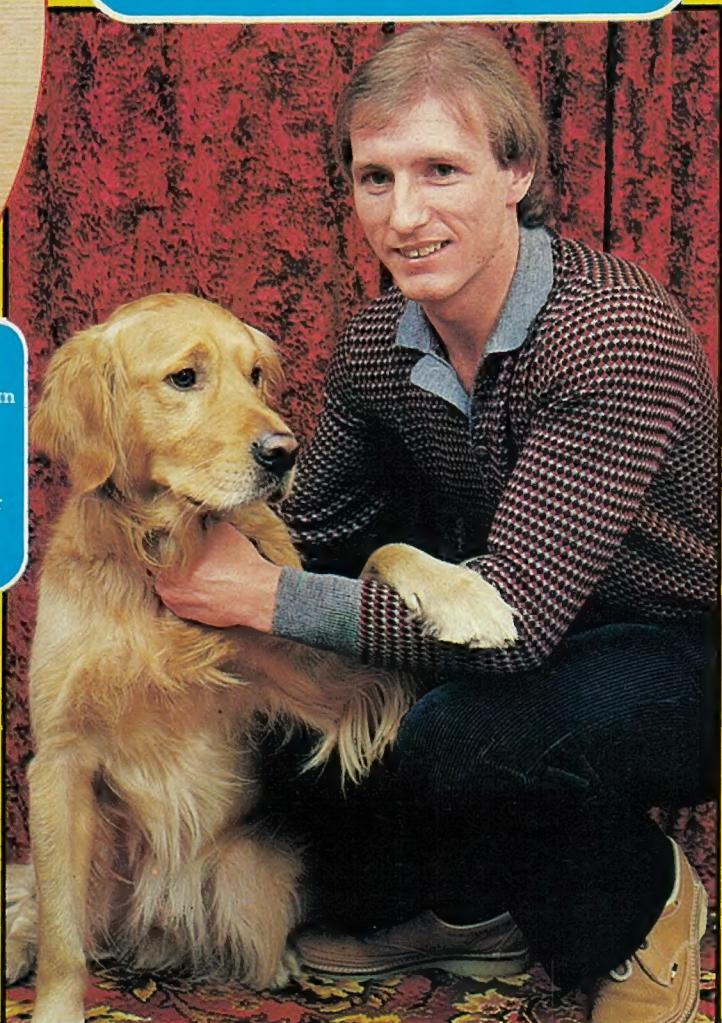
Below: some of Steve's American mementoes. The mounted footballs are for scoring hat-tricks against Fort Lauderdale and Toronto and there are two diamond rings for the two title wins.



Left: Steve Hunt with one of his prized souvenirs — the number ten shirt worn by the legendary Pele when they were team mates at New York Cosmos.

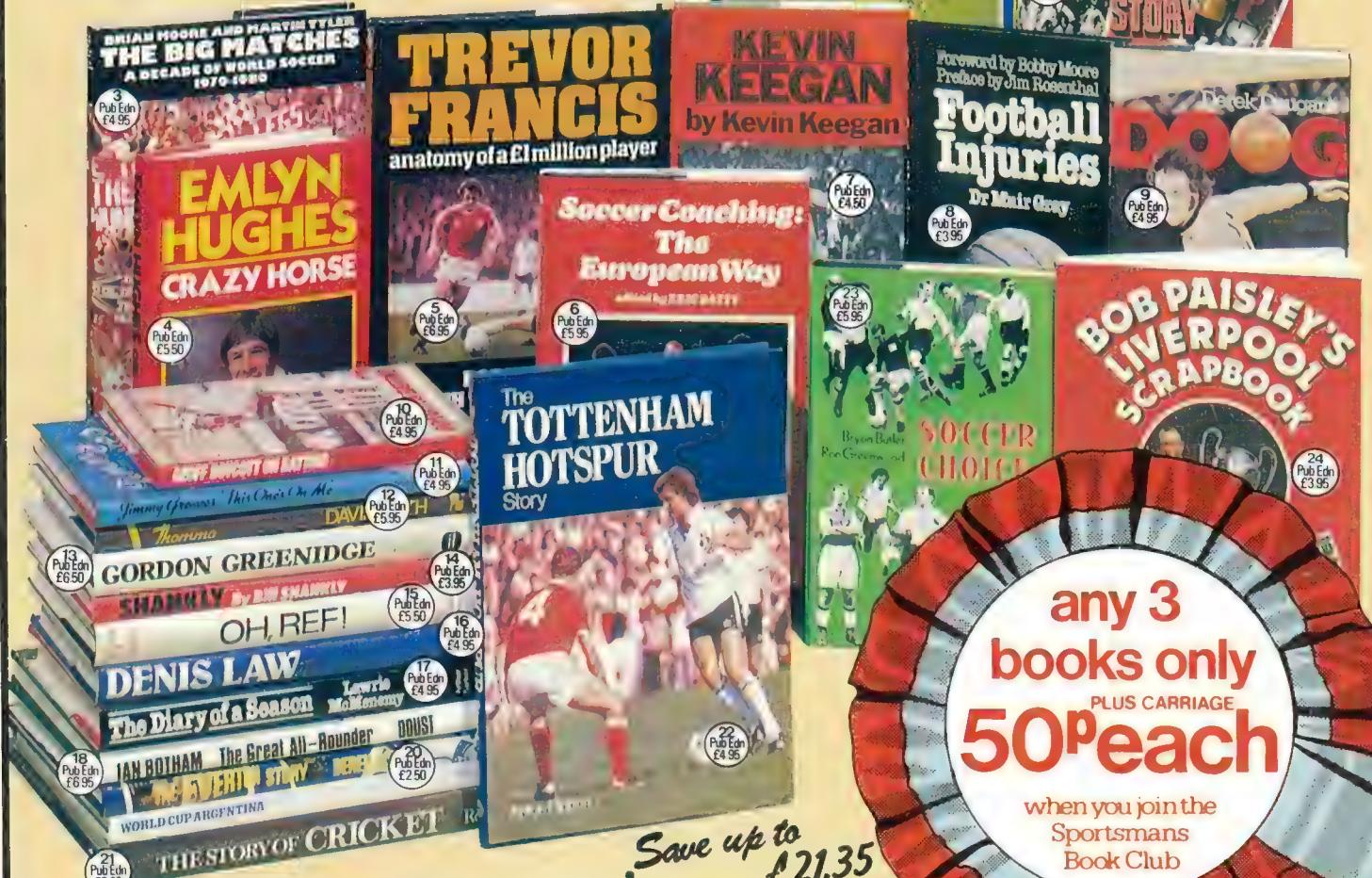
Above: Steve and his wife Sue with one-year-old son Simon at their Birmingham home.

Below: Steve and his Golden Retriever Shandy.



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WORLD CUP '82

Scrapbook

Press gang of 6,500!

PRESSMEN have been assured there will be no World Cup communication problems in Spain. Jose Maria Calle, in charge of organising Press facilities for 1982, has announced his confidence in the set-up.

But he also pointed out how big a task he faces: For there will be 6,500 Pressmen in Spain. That compares to 4,800 in Argentina, 4,600 in Germany, 2,600 in Mexico and 1,777 in England in 1966.



West Germany's Horst Hrubesch (left), challenged by Belgium's Rene Vandereycken.

Zico move?

BRAZILIAN superstar Zico is fed up with his fame and could be on the move to a top Italian club after 1982.

He said: "I cannot get out of my house without being surrounded. And Brazilian players are poorly paid compared to others. I do quite well, but it is only a fraction of what I could earn elsewhere."

Once tagged as the white Pele, he would be a big target for Juventus, Inter-Milan and Roma with his scoring ability.

Meanwhile Juventus' hopes of prising West Germany's European Championship winning goalgrabber Horst Hrubesch have been dashed. The blond giant has re-signed for Hamburg with an improved contract.

Brazil ready

WITH Spain 1982 still more than 12 months away, Brazil are already planning further ahead. They have applied to FIFA for the right to stage the 1994 World Cup, claiming they are ready now!

Neeskens bid?

FORMER Dutch World Cup star Johan Neeskens could fight his way back to international glory in Spain. If he is not wanted back by Cosmos he is likely to consider interesting offers from Zaragoza and Espanol. The brilliant midfielder enjoyed his stay in Spain before with Barcelona.

Menotti's base

ARGENTINA have already chosen where to stay in Spain. Team boss Menotti picked out a seaside hotel near Alicante: the hotel Montiboli, with 32 double rooms, a swimming pool and all mod cons for their comfort.

Only problem now is the group draw for the finals — the hotel would not be used if they were drawn to play in group one at La Corunna in the north west, about 500 miles away!

To quit — aged 25

FORMER Birmingham defender and Argentine World Cup star Alberto Tarantini has announced he will be retiring from football after the 1982 World Cup, at the age of 25 . . .



We love to win — at snooker, too!

WITH Ipswich enjoying so much success at the moment it's difficult to find any time to relax.

All the players are involved in a lot of promotional work, but we still manage to get in the odd game of snooker at a local club.

Snooker is the favourite



Dutch star Arnold Muhren whose goal took Ipswich through to the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

pastime of most of the players after training because it enables us to relax and unwind a little.

But the competitive element is still there because everybody loves to win.

But apart from the odd session of snooker, there's not a lot of time to pursue any other interests.

I spend one afternoon a week coaching ten and 11-year-olds at a local junior school and I also like to visit disabled children in the area.

I occasionally take the school football team to visit the disabled children to organise five-a-side games etc because this shows them how lucky they are to be able to enjoy life to the full.

In the summer though my garden takes pride of place. I'm president of the local horticultural society and I'm a lover of roses.

I've got an acre of land which contains fruit trees and vegetables and, of course, plenty of roses.

It takes me a while to build up to a session in the garden but once I'm out there I do really enjoy it.

Pressure?..What pressure?

CAN Ipswich land the treble and are the players feeling the pressure?

They are the two main questions on the lips of everyone at the moment.

To win the Championship, F.A. Cup and U.E.F.A. Cup would be a tremendous feat and obviously I think it is possible for the team to achieve it.

But I am also realistic to realise that it is a very tall order even though we are playing with a great deal of confidence.

The First Division title is the number one priority for it is the ambition of every footballer to win a championship medal.

Naturally we will be giving 100 per cent in the cup ties but I think the lads are regarding them as more of a bonus at this stage.

On the question of pressure, I've never seen the lads so relaxed.

There's a real carefree atmosphere in the camp with the players laughing and joking right up to half an hour before the kick off

Never seen the lads so relaxed

when we turn our minds firmly on the task in hand.

And the area of Ipswich enables the players to switch off from the pressures.

If you are in a big city like London, Manchester and Birmingham you are always being chased by the press, television and radio.

But here in East Anglia the people allow us to get on with our own lives. And that's great.

But no doubt the atmosphere in the place will reach fever pitch when we face Manchester City in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final next month.

It's obviously going to be a tough test for us but the match is on a neutral ground and it will be a matter of who can cope with the pressures on the day.

There's a lot at stake and some players find it difficult to cope with all the pressure but I'm hoping our experience will tell on the day.

It certainly won't be any harder than the sixth round matches against Nottingham Forest.

We were anticipating a hard time because we were probably the best teams left in the competition.

The 3-3 draw at Nottingham was a classic cup tie in every sense of the word and I think in the end we just about deserved our ticket into the semi-final with a superb goal from Arnold Muhren in the replay.

But more about our semi-final task in a fortnight's time.

Ipswich and
England star

PAUL MARINER

writes for
Match



My four-legged friend

LOOK out this summer for a racehorse called Mighty Mariner.

Yes, I've got a four-legged friend who I hope will be carrying my name to a lot of success on the racecourses in the future.

I went to see the horse at Gavin Hunter's stables at Newbury recently and had an enjoyable day looking round the place and watching the horses on the early morning gallops.

The horse has been purchased by an Ipswich fan and it's quite an honour to have a horse named after me.

It'll probably make its debut in July or August and I shall be watching its progress with interest. Hope you will, too.



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"I reckon this could be a real slow match!"



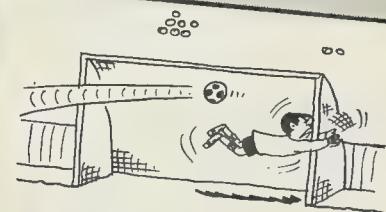
"I was just telling our new boss, we don't play our football at 100 m.p.h."

IT'S FUN TIME

Newcastle United are magic — they make all their spectators disappear!
Mark Whitfield, East Herrington,
Sunderland.

Manager to player in dug-out: "Sent off for punching again? You just can't stand losing the toss can you".
Ian Scoular, Greenock, Renfrewshire.

Did you hear about the Scottish International who has no hair? His name is ARCHI-BALD!
Chris Cowen, East Herrington,
Sunderland.



RACI.
"He's not wearing his contact lenses again".



CRACKERS!

FA
CUP
'81



Left: The moment that silenced the Everton cheers as Manchester City's Gerry Gow knocks the ball (pictured top) over Everton goalkeeper Jim McDonagh to make the score 1-1 on the stroke of half time at Goodison Park. The match finally finished 2-2 and City went on to win the replay at Maine Road 3-1.

Above: Having burst through the Middlesbrough defence Wolves' super-sub Norman Bell is left all alone to lob advancing Boro' keeper Jim Platt to make it 3-1 and secure Wolves a place in the semi-finals.

Below: Bobby McDonald celebrates after scoring Man City's second goal against Everton.

Right: Spurs' fans had to wait 62 minutes for the deadlock to be broken in their FA Cup-tie with Exeter but 12 minutes later the ball was in the Exeter net once again as Paul Miller latched on to a mistake by Exeter keeper Len Bond and stroked the ball home.

Below left: Forest's Colin Walsh (almost obscured by John Wark, far right) sees his shot beat Paul Cooper for Nottingham Forest's second goal in the 3-3 draw at the City Ground. But it was Ipswich who had the last laugh when they went on to win the replay at Portman Road 1-0 with an Arnold Muhren goal.



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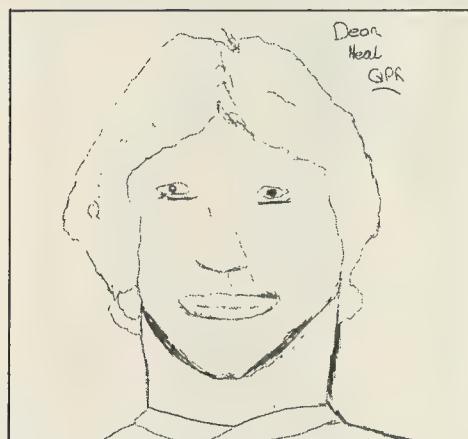
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"Dave Langan is the most skilful right-back Birmingham have had for years," says 12-year-old Mark Wasley of Redditch, Worcs.



Queens Park Rangers' Dean Neal is the favourite of Bradley Woodbridge of Brentford, Essex. "He's so good at destroying defences", says Bradley.

Paul Joyce of Battersea, London, sent this picture of Ipswich Town and Scotland midfield star John Wark. "He's played such an important part in his team's success this season," says Paul.

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WHO AM I?

I was born in Barking, Essex, and joined my present club in London as an apprentice. I have played for my country more than 40 times and have good reason to remember Wembley — particularly in 1980. Who am I. Study the negative picture for a further clue.



Managers mix-up

CAN YOU put the list of managers with their correct grounds?

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1) Peter Morris | a) Millmoor |
| 2) Billy Bremner | b) Gay Meadow |
| 3) Graham Turner | c) Belle Vue |
| 4) Ian Porterfield | d) London Road |

BIRD BRAINS

Can you spot the teams from their bird nicknames?

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|--------------|
| a) Throstles |
| b) Canaries |
| c) Owls |
| d) Seagulls |

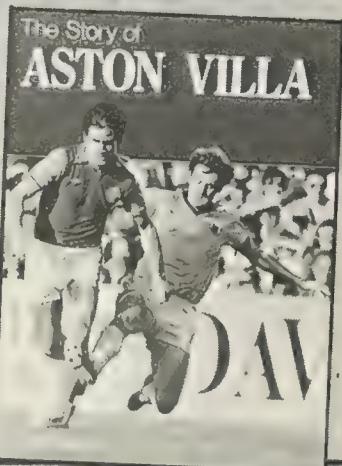
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envelope and alongside identify the players — the dark shirted player on the right may help to give you a clue, though we don't want you to name him on your entry.

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IT'S QUIZ TIME

Ten teasers . . .

1 Who scored West Ham's last kick penalty equaliser in the 1981 League Cup Final at Wembley?

2 Celtic played in every Scottish League Cup final between 1970 and 1978 but won only one of them. Who did they beat?

3 There is an error in the following list of PFA Footballers of the Year. Can you spot it?
a) 1978 Peter Shilton, b) 1979 Liam Brady, c) 1980 Kenny Dalglish, d) 1981 John Wark.

4 Who was Nottingham Forest's goalkeeper in the 1978 League Cup final against Liverpool?

5 Dundee United have won the Scottish League Cup for the past two seasons. What is the name of their ground?

6 From which country did Ipswich Town's UEFA First round opponents come from?

7 Two players from the same club finished equal top Third Division goalscorers last season. Can you name them?

8 Steve Lynex recently joined Leicester from Birmingham. From where did Birmingham sign him?

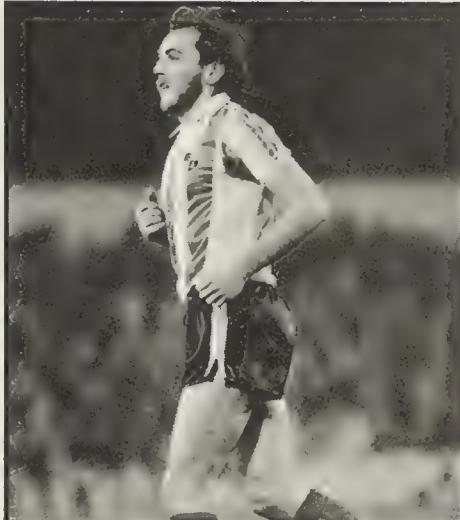
9 Stoke's winter signing Paul Maguire (pictured right) scored 11 goals for which Second Division club last season?

10 What soccer record does former goalkeeper Ronnie Simpson, now a pools panellist, hold?

What a muddle

Can you unravel this muddle of letters to identify this team?

HODDLE GIBRUMS



Stoke's Paul Maguire — see Question 9.

ODD MAN OUT

Each of the 1980 FA Cup final teams given below contains a deliberate error. Can you spot the odd man out and substitute the correct player?

Arsenal: Jennings, Rice, Devine, O'Leary, Talbot, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Allen, Pearson, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

1 Ray Stewart, 2 Hibernian 6-3, 3 C — 1980 was Terry McDermott, 4 Chris Woods, 5 Tannadice, 6 Aris Salonika (Greece), 7 Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes (Swindon), 8 Shamrock Rovers, 9 Shrewsbury Town, 10 The youngest player to appear in the Scottish League. He was 15 years 310 days old when he played for Queen's Park against Hibs on August 17, 1946.

WHO AM I?

Trevor Brooking (West Ham and England).

MANAGERS MIX-UP:

1/d, 2/c, 3/b, 4/a.

WHAT A MUDDLE:

Middlesbrough

ODD MAN OUT:

Arsenal: Price not Hollins. West Ham: Lampard not Brush.

BIRD BRAINS:

a West Brom, b Norwich, c Sheffield Wednesday, d Brighton.

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FOOTBALL CRAZY

by MITCH



I've never
been so nervous
says Young Player
of the Year
Gary Shaw



Gary Shaw with the Young Player of the Year trophy.

DESPITE his rapid rise to the footballing heights this season, Gary Shaw has never been so nervous as the night he stepped up to collect the PFA Young Player of the Year award.

The 18-year-old Villa striker made a brief but pointed speech to the 900 strong audience of players and managers at London's International Hilton Hotel, before confessing to Match Weekly:

"Speaking in front of all those people and to millions of TV viewers as well was about the hardest thing I've done."

"Playing in front of 40,000 people every week comes naturally, but this was different."

Gary, who told his amazing story to Match Weekly readers in an exclusive series, had scored 18 goals up to PFA Awards night.

"I'm aiming for 20 — any more than that is a bonus," he added. "There's more pressure on Peter Withe to score goals than me and he's proving he can do it."

"I see myself as being more

involved in the build-ups and helping to lay on goals for others.

"I'm absolutely delighted with the award. Before the announcement I was thinking it would be nice to get in the top six, never mind win it."

"Now I must try to go from strength to strength and not disappoint the people who have faith in me."

Right: Gritty determination from John Wark as he beats Nottingham Forest's Frank Gray to this header. Asked what he thought about the Players' Player of the Year Award, he said simply: "It's the best."

IT WAS a Wednesday in March almost exactly six years ago.

The previous night I had played centre half for Ipswich Town youth team in a Cup-tie. And like the rest of the Portman Road apprentices I was looking forward to the first team's FA Cup quarter final clash with Leeds the following night.

Then manager Bobby Robson took me to one side and told me I couldn't watch the big game . . . I'd be playing in it!

Now I've never been a nervous person and I've always been confident in my own ability. But this was more than I'd bargained for — from youth football to FA Cup sixth round in two days!

It wasn't as though I was pushing for a first team place.

After all, I was the club's sixth choice central defender at the time — and I was only 17.

But the club had been hit by a succession of injuries and so I was in.

Youth team to . . . in two



HAMMERS DOMINATE

WEST Ham's incredible success this season was reflected in the Professional Footballers' Association awards with no fewer than eight of their side in the Second Division select team.

The three exceptions were left back Frank Lampard, winger Jimmy Neighbour and midfield player Geoff Pike, whose roles were filled by Notts County's Ray O'Brien, QPR's Tony Currie and Sheffield Wednesday's Terry Curran. The four divisional teams were:

Division One — Shilton (Nottingham Forest); Swain (Aston Villa), Evans (Aston Villa), Osman (Ipswich), Sansom (Arsenal); Wark (Ipswich), Thijssen (Ipswich), Souness (Liverpool); Mariner (Ipswich), Dalglish (Liverpool), Shaw (Aston Villa).

Division Four — Mervyn Cawston (Southend); Cec Podd (Bradford City), Trevor Peake (Lincoln), Dave Cusack (Southend), Steve Sherlock (Stockport); Billy Kelloch (Peterborough), Alan Little (Doncaster), Anton Orlakowski (Southend); Robbie Cooke (Peterborough), Derek Spence (Southend), Steve Phillips (Northampton).

Trollope's reward

● JOHN TROLLOPE'S loyalty to Third Division Swindon Town was recognised by the Professional Footballers' Association who presented him with their Merit Award.

"I cannot think of a greater honour for anyone to receive," he told the 900 players at the PFA dinner. "It is most important because it comes from the people in the game."

Previous winners of the Merit Award include Bobby Charlton, Dennis Law and Bill Shankly.

Division Two — Parkes (West Ham); Stewart, Bonds, Martin (all West Ham); O'Brien (Notts County); Currie (QPR); Brooking, Devonshire; Goddard, Cross (all West Ham); Curran (Sheff Wed).

Division Three — Nicky Johns (Charlton); Ian Evans, Mike McCarthy (both Barnsley), John Breckin (Rotherham), Malcolm Brown (Huddersfield); Alan Birch, Danny Wilson (both Chesterfield), Ronnie Glavin (Barnsley); Tony Kellow (Exeter), David Kemp (Plymouth), Derek Hales (Charlton).

What made it worse was that we had already drawn the game three times — 0-0 at Portman Road, 1-1 at Elland Road and 0-0 at Filbert Street, Leicester.

So now it was back to Leicester for a fourth meeting with a team littered with stars like Billy Bremner, Norman Hunter, Johnny Giles and Frank and Eddie Gray.

My job was to mark Allan Clarke — probably the deadliest finisher of the time.

It wasn't exactly a thrilling prospect — and Clarke scored Leeds first goal.

But Allan Hunter, the Northern Ireland centre half, helped me a lot and although Giles scored a second against us, goals from Whymark, Hamilton and Woods put us into the semi-finals.

Naturally that was a highpoint of my career but any dreams I may have had for Wembley were shattered in the semi-final.

I wasn't in the team for the 0-0 draw against West Ham but with Allan Hunter out I stepped up again for the replay at Stamford Bridge — which we lost 2-1.

Cup glory days!

Right: A jubilant John Wark holds aloft the PFA Player of the Year trophy.

I wanted to sign for City

AS a schoolboy I had trials with both Ipswich and Manchester City . . . and it was City I really wanted to sign for.

I was invited down to Maine Road a couple of times to show them what I could do, but they wanted to see me one more time.

Ipswich on the other hand came in with a firm offer and I signed on as an apprentice at the age of 16.

I'd had a week's trial at Portman Road over Easter, followed by another trial in the summer.

On my third visit they showed me around the place and I think it was the homely atmosphere at the club that swayed me to sign.

Chances

There were seven fellow Scots on the playing staff — mainly reserves and apprentices — and I knew that would help me settle.

I also knew that my chances of early first team football were greater at Ipswich than City.

Malcolm Allison was manager at Maine Road at the time and his team included players like Summerbee, Bell, Lee, Marsh and Doyle.

It was unlikely that I would get a chance for ages.

As it was, I made my first team debut for Ipswich within a year at the age of 17.

The man who brought me down to England in the first place was George Finlay, the Ipswich scout based in Kilmarnock.

George spotted me as a 15-year-old playing in my native Glasgow for Drumchapel Amateurs — a side that has produced a lot of good players, Archie Gemmill and Asa Hartford among them.



IPSWICH 1-2-3

FOR the first time in the history of the PFA Dinner three players from one club filled the top three places in the Players' Player of the Year Awards.

It was a case of the Englishman, Dutchman and Scotsman — with Paul Mariner finishing third, Frans Thijssen second and John Wark first.

SCORING GOALS COMES EASY

CONSIDERING I've scored more than 30 goals this season it may seem strange that I started out as a central defender.

That's where I played at school and in the Ipswich youth side and that's where I got my first chance in the first team.

I didn't move into midfield until 1977, when I was 19. The midfield had not been going too well for a few weeks and Bobby Robson threw me in.

I did well and I've been in there ever since.

Even now though I drop back into the middle of defence if there are any injuries. When Mick Mills dislocated his shoulder in the recent game with Spurs I filled in at full-back.

My normal role at Ipswich is to sit in in front of the

back four — so why do I score goals?

The main reason is that Ipswich make so many chances. The Dutchmen, Muhren and Thijssen, get wide to get the ball into the middle and I feed off the two big strikers Mariner and Brazil. The lads have made it easy for me.

I scored 15 goals last season and always thought I could match that this time. But I'm getting forward a lot more and timing the runs better.

My immediate ambitions are to win the FA Cup, UEFA Cup and League treble — especially the League — and to keep on being successful with Ipswich.

On the Scotland front, my ultimate goal must be a World Cup winner's medal.

Matchmaker Souvenir Special on Middlesbrough's...



FULL NAME: Craig Peter Johnston.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Johannesburg, June 25th, 1960.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 8ins, 11st 5lbs.

MARRIED: No.

CAR: Icel. (Austin 7).
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Lake McQuarrie and Sydney City

(Austalian). NICKNAME: 'Roo'.

WORST EVER INJURY: Out for 10 months with groin and pelvic damage.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: John Robertson (Forest). Such a natural player and he can beat men of will.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Manny Kelliz (West Germany). Whenever I see him play he does something brilliant.

BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks (Stoke), Cooper (Leeds), J. Charlton (Leeds), Moore (W Ham), Wilson (Everton), B. Charlton (Man U), Brady (Juventus), Keegan (Southampton), Law (Man U), Delaplish (Liverpool), Best (Man U), ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Kaltz, Beckenbauer (W Germany), J. Charlton, T. Curran, B. Charlton (England), Cruyff (Holland), Rivellino, Pelle (Brazil), Best (N Ireland), Keegan (England).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.
PLAYED: Sydney Cricket Ground.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE SCORED: Shot outside the area against Leeds.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Overhead scissor kick by Eric Neal (Masham Bashers) from 25 yards.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Brian Talbot (Arsenal).
MORE MEMORABLE MATCH: My first team debut against Everton.
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: The realisation that I was actually playing against the likes of Hoddle.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being able to afford to go home to Australia when I was injured in the close season.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Surfing, swimming, skiing.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing guitar.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: People talking rubbish about the game.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: *SLIPPY*, the bush kangaroo.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Larry Grayson's Generation Game.
FAVOURITE READING: Letters from Mum.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Chris Rea, Bruce Springsteen.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Tea.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Japan.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Latin Americans when they're tackled hard! Pamela Stephenson (Not the 9 o'clock news).
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Blue water, white death.
BEST FRIEND: Keith Waller.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: George Wardell, Bobby Murdoch, and a big brick wall.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: All the politics and bull that stems from it.
SUPERSTITIONS: Won't put boots on the table.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Omlette.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Australian schoolboys, England Under 21 caps.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To coach young footballers.
Probably in Australia.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Stuart McPhee, a Middlesbrough schoolboy.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Whoever presents the World Cup.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Practice, practice, practice.

Craig Johnson

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Match Weekly on the spot report

WHO are the penalty kings in the top two divisions?

Who are the men who stay ice cool in the intense heat of the moment when a penalty kick could mean the difference between winning and losing, promotion and relegation?

Match Weekly has looked at the records of penalty takers since the start of last season and devised a table which shows Nottingham Forest's John Robertson as the 'Penalty King' with 19 in all competitions up

to and including March 14.

That's three more than West Ham's League Cup final penalty hero Ray Stewart, with Ipswich's John Wark on 15 — a tally which includes a hat-trick in the UEFA Cup against Greek side Aris Saloniaka.

In this special series on 'Penalty Kings' we talk to some of the top marksmen about their vital role, starting with Scottish winger John Robertson and his Nottingham rival, County full-back Ray O'Brien.

Goals I'll never forget

by Forest's John Robertson

WHEN it comes to scoring from the spot, Nottingham Forest's John Robertson is the 'King' in the top two divisions.

He ticks away penalty after penalty with almost uncanny ease and precision, but there was a time in his early days at the City Ground when he actually lost the job.

The Scottish international recalls that in 1976 he missed two in one match against Hull City and that led to Terry Curran (now with Sheffield Wednesday) taking over the role.

John, who has scored 19 since the start of last season, says: "If I were to miss two on the trot again I would probably give it up."

"I got the job back at Forest when Terry was injured in a match and I volunteered to take a penalty. And I've been taking them ever since."

"I suppose I must enjoy taking them. It's only afterwards that I feel any pressure because that's when you have time to think about what might have happened if you had missed."

"I've got no real set pattern about taking them. I have always believed that if you hit the ball hard enough it should go in."

It's not difficult for John to remember the most important penalty of his career: "That's got to be the winner against Liverpool in the League Cup Final replay three years ago."

"And Liverpool were also on the receiving end when I scored penalties in both semi-final legs of the League Cup last season."

Apart from the early disaster against Hull, the miss that haunts John most came in the 1-0 home defeat by Brighton last season, which ended Forest's unbeaten home record of 51 matches.

"I've missed several in my career, but that one was important because of our long unbeaten record at the City Ground."

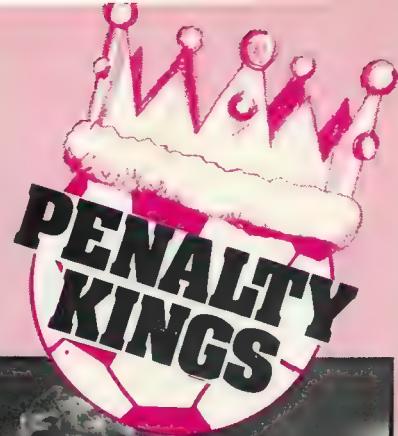
Right: Notts County's Ray O'Brien — high in our 'Penalty King' table, but he won't be sorry when the time comes to hand the job over.

MATCH WEEKLY

PENALTY TABLE

1	John Robertson (Nottm' F)
2	Ray Stewart (West Ham)
3	John Wark (Ipswich)
4	David Moss (Luton)
5	Ray O'Brien (Notts County)
6	Jack Keay (Shrewsbury)
7	Clive Allen (C. Palace)
8	Alan Shoulder (Newcastle)
9	Mark Smith (Sheff. Wed.)
10	Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham)
11	Joe Waters (Grimsby)
12	Tom Ritchie (Sunderland)
13	Terry McDermott (Liverpool)
14	Archie Gemmill (Birmingham)
15	Kevin Bond (Norwich)
16	Kevin Hird (Leeds)
17	Alan Biley (Derby)

● Table only includes penalties scored last season and this season (up to and including March 14).



Above: John Robertson of Nottingham Forest — the 'King' from 12 yards.

**'I DON'T LIKE
THE JOB' says
Notts County's
Ray O'Brien**

WITH 12 successes to his credit over the past two seasons, Notts County full back Ray O'Brien is one of the top penalty marksmen in the First and Second Divisions.

But the Eire international made a startling confession after his recent invaluable contribution to Nott's County's promotion push from Division Two — a twice-taken effort against Bristol City.

He revealed: "I won't be sorry when the day comes for me to hand over the job because I don't regard myself as a good penalty-taker."

"I work on the principle that I can only do my best and hope it's good enough and I find that adopting this attitude removes any pressure."

"Taking penalties doesn't bother me, but I don't like the job either. It's one of those situations when you cannot win."

"If you score, people say you should, but if you miss one, it's not a pleasant experience."

NEXT WEEK: More secrets from the spot-kick specialists

My double heartbreak

BY GEORGE BURLEY

of Ipswich and Scotland

AS Ipswich continued their treble bid at the expense of Nottingham Forest in an epic FA Cup sixth round replay at Portman Road, George Burley sat alone in the manager's office.

And as the players soaked up the cheers of a near capacity crowd, the Scottish international full-back limped quietly away from the ground, so reflecting the other side of football... heartbreak.

With the club on the threshold of completing the greatest chapter in their history, George graces the long and painful road back to fitness in time for next season.

"I watched the match from the manager's office and I enjoyed it. In fact, I'm a good watcher, but it's afterwards when one feels so deflated and depressed," says 24-year-old George, who is recovering from a knee operation.

"Having been in the Ipswich team for several years during the continual rebuilding progress it's even more frustrating for me now that we are on the brink of something really big."

World Cup

"We've been a good side for about six years, but, apart from the FA Cup success, we've just missed out on major honours. Now the lads are looking capable of winning all three."

George's season ended in the FA Cup third round tie at Shrewsbury in January.

"I went up to head a ball and fell awkwardly. I knew it was pretty serious at the time because I felt something click."

"I trained for about six weeks after that, but the knee kept breaking down and eventually torn knee ligaments were diagnosed and it needed an operation."

The injury is a double blow for George. Apart from club success, he's also missing Scotland's build up towards the World Cup Finals.

"I've been in the squad for about 18 months and was looking forward to the prospect of going to Spain," says George, who has been vying with Celtic's Danny McGrain for the right back berth.

"Now I must wait until next season before I can think about winning back my place in the squad. It will be like starting all over again."

"Next season just can't come quick enough for me now, although I face a lot of hard work this summer to get back into shape."



Above: Here's George in action earlier this season.

NEXT WEEK: George Burley's team mate Arnold Murrhen talks about the night he fired Forest out of the cup.

Above: There's not much for Ipswich full-back George Burley to do but just sit at home reflecting on what might have been.

Pen Pals

I AM 18-years-old and support Nottingham Forest. I like most other sports and music.

Dawn Watkins, 1 Linney Fields, Ludlow, Shropshire.

MAN, UTD. and West Ham are my favourite teams. I'm 16-years-old and would like a pen pal of my own age who supports the same teams.

Graham Wicks, 20 Winchester Avenue, Grimsby, South Humberside. I WOULD like a pen pal who supports any First Division team except Aston Villa. My favourite club is Birmingham and I also like Madness and Sheena Easton.

Andrew Fallon (15), 6 Midlands Drive, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

I'M 13 and support Bolton Wanderers. I'd like a pen pal of my own age.

Darren Bradshaw, 16 Errol Avenue, Benchill, Wythenshawe, Manchester. I'M a Brentford supporter and would like a pen pal who supports a Third Division club.

Laura Rees, 43 Mill Farm Crescent, Hounslow, Middlesex.

LIVERPOOL and Sheffield Wednesday are my favourite teams. I'm also interested in swimming.

David Carroll, 31 Paulet Road, Manor Estate, Sheffield 2.

I'D LIKE a pen pal who supports my favourite team, Manchester United. I'm 14-years-old.

Hafbor Heimsson, Brekkugotu 45, 600 Akureyri, Iceland.

That was the week that was

March 28—April 3

THERE'S been no big rush by clubs to sign up players before the transfer deadline this season.

But on the last day of the transfer market in 1979 (March 29) Everton had three different deals on the boil.

They swapped Micky Walsh (now playing in Portugal for Porto) for QPR striker Peter Eastoe and then snatched Brian Kidd from Manchester City for

£150,000.

Southampton used the last day to release three strikers. Terry Curran to Sheff Wed, Tony Sealy to Crystal Palace and Tony Funnell to Gillingham.

Other soccer milestones during this week in the past few years include:

• March 29, 1980 — Ipswich goalkeeper Paul Cooper saves two penalties against Derby at Portman Road, bringing his

tally to eight saved out of the last 10 spot-kicks.

• March 30, 1977 — Paul Mariner makes his England debut in the 5-0 win over Luxembourg. Aston Villa's John Gidman (now Everton) also wins his first and only cap.

• April 1, 1978 — Swansea make April fools of Hartlepool at Vetch Field — beating their Fourth Division opponents 8-0.

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Golden goof!

ARSENAL'S Alan Sunderland has really been causing referees some problems judging by this press clipping.

According to this report, sent in by Mark Talbot, of West Bromwich, West Midlands, the striker amassed 200 disciplinary points!

Don't forget to keep your goofs coming in. Send them to: 'Golden Goofs', Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

Sunderland's woe

Arsenal striker Alan Sunderland, out of today's home match with Wolves after his dismissal at Aston Villa last week could be banned for a further three matches next Tuesday when the FA consider his having totalled 200 disciplinary points.

A manager's dream

IT'S a manager's dream — a midfield containing the talents of Frans Thijssen, Arnold Muhren (Ipswich) and Tottenham's Ossie Ardiles.

And they're included in the 'Foreign Legion' team which has been sent in by Shaun Jeffries, of Knowle, Bristol.

Following the publication of a select side of imported players in 'Match Weekly' Shaun reckons his team could beat ours.

His side is: Jan Moller (Bristol City), Ivan Golac (Southampton), Dzemal Hadzibabic (Swansea), Rafael Villazan (Wolves), Nikola Jovanovic (Man Utd), Arnold Muhren, Frans Thijssen (Ipswich), Ossie Ardiles, Ricardo Villa (Spurs), Loek Ursem (Stoke); Roger Van Gool (Coventry).

TERRACE TALK

Thanks for the memories, Brian

I WAS sorry to hear that Aston Villa's exciting striker Brian Little has had to retire because of injury.

Brian has been a loyal servant to Villa and helped them through their most difficult period, but now they're on the brink of recapturing former glories he's been forced to call it a day.

It would have been great if he could have finished his career by helping his team lift the Championship.

On behalf of the thousands who saw you play — thanks for the memories, Brian!

Patricia Gill, Greencastle, Co. Donegal, Eire.

● AND don't forget that Villa were served a double blow when their defender Mike Pejic was also forced out of the game through injury.

Aston Villa's Brian Little — forced to retire from the game.

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Poor Second

I CAN'T remember such a poor Second Division.

Apart from West Ham, who are romping away with the title, there's very little to choose between the 21 others.

Chelsea can't score, Notts County can only draw, Derby are inconsistent, and Swansea negative.

I believe that the three promoted teams will be West Ham, Luton and Grimsby.

Chris Henderson (15), Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

Glad Bond left

I WAS furious to hear Kevin Bond say on television that there weren't enough players at Carrow Road who were prepared to 'die for Norwich City'.

What a cheek! Just look at him flying off to Seattle Sounders. I hardly call that being prepared to die for a club.

I'm glad he's left Carrow Road.

David Spragg (14), Bispham, Blackpool.

Grimsby praise

GRIMSBY deserve praise for their meteoric rise from the soccer graveyard of the Fourth Division to the brink of the First Division.

And the most amazing fact about their rise is that since gaining promotion from the Fourth Division in 1978/79 they've bought just three players.

Lee Johnson (13), Cleethorpes, South Humberside

● WE trust you enjoyed our feature on Grimsby in last week's issue.

OUTRAGED!



I'M Anthony Hawkswell and I'm in charge of the 'Outraged' column.

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No cheers for Paul

I'M outraged at the number of people who rave about Ipswich Town's Paul Cooper and his penalty saves.

He saves most of them with his legs — it's sheer luck not skill.

A clear example of this was when Wolves played Ipswich in a recent League game. John Richards placed his shot well wide of Cooper, but somehow the shot hit the keeper's legs and Richards made a hash of the rebound.

The blame must go to John Richards — no praise for Paul.

David Yaffe, Arlington, Middleton, Greater Manchester.

● PAT Jennings — one of the world's best goalkeepers — is renowned for saving with his legs. That's not luck. You're sent off.

Booked!
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Case is ace

WHY is Liverpool's Jimmy Case continually ignored by England manager Ron Greenwood?

He's got a rocket shot, he's great in the air and has tremendous ball control. He'd be a great asset in England's midfield.

I agree he's had a bad season with injuries and being kept out of the side through the excellent form of Sammy Lee, but I believe he deserves a chance.

Simon Wyton, Royston, Herts.

● JIMMY'S a heck of a player, but you can't expect Ron Greenwood to pick someone who can't get a regular game in the first team. You're booked.

Forrest's burning ambition

Rotherham's Gerry Forrest — his early trials came to nothing.

AFTER being rejected by Wolves and Aston Villa, Gerry Forrest had every reason to think that at the age of 20 his chance of a career in football had gone.

He was resigning himself to life as a joiner in his native North East and playing amateur soccer with South Bank in the Northern League.

But he was spotted by a Rotherham scout and, after a dramatic senior call-up while on trial at Millmoor, he achieved his burning ambition of playing professional football.

Now three years on, the full back is an established member of a Rotherham side chasing promotion to Division Two, and his impressive displays during February earned him Match Weekly's 'Matchman of the Month' award for the Third Division.

"After playing for Stockton Boys I had trials with Villa and Wolves, but they came to nothing," said Gerry.

"Then a Rotherham scout invited me down to Millmoor for trials and due to injuries I was pushed straight into the League side, and fortunately I've been there ever since.

"I had just qualified as a joiner when the chance came and I must admit that I thought my opportunities to play League soccer had gone."

Now 23-year-old Gerry is

Melvyn Beck's Third and Fourth Division Spotlight

thirsting at the prospect of playing in the Second Division next season.

"There's obviously a long way to go, but the players are confident we can get promotion and it would be great to play in a higher division" he says.

"We've struggled for the past three seasons but manager Ian Porterfield has put fresh confidence into the team and the new players have helped improve results."

Players like former Tranmere and Cardiff striker Ronnie Moore, and experienced Millwall pair John Seasman and Tony Towner have played major parts in Rotherham's promotion drive.

"We've got a whole new set-up here and I think the club is destined to go places," adds Gerry.

"I'm confident the side will do themselves proud in the Second Division if we get the chance."

Young Lions bound for America

MILLWALL player-manager Peter Anderson, just back from a spell in America, will see two of his young stars go there at the end of the season.

The Third Division side have sold 20-year-old Dave Mehmet and Eire Under-21 international Tony Kinsella to Tampa Bay Rowdies for a total of £150,000.

Tampa are managed by former Millwall boss Gordon Jago who has also signed Birmingham's Frank Worthington and ex-Queen's Park Rangers forward Billy Sweetzer.

FORMER Manchester United and Stoke striker Jimmy Greenhoff has set off for his first taste of American soccer with Toronto, but

he'll be back with Fourth Division Crewe next season.

"Jimmy added a bit of class during his short stay with Crewe this season and I'm sure our fans will be pleased he's coming back," said Crewe manager Tony Waddington, the former Stoke boss.

★ ★ ★
FROM the heights of the World Club Championship to the depths of the Fourth Division. That's the change former Nottingham Forest defender Larry Lloyd recently encountered.

Larry's last senior appearance for Forest was in the defeat by South American champions Nacional of Uruguay in the final of the World Club Championship in Japan.

His debut as player-manager for Fourth Division Wigan Athletic was against Rochdale.

The only thing in common between the two vastly different occasions was the result. Larry lost both matches 1-0!



Jimmy Greenhoff in his United days — now he's off to the States.

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Twenty one hours to go ...

FRIDAY, 6pm: The players meet at Old Trafford to board the coach. The time may vary depending on how far we have to travel.

If it's going to be a long journey the video machine will be set up so we can watch a film on the way and myself and Stevie Coppell usually help out with that.

On a short trip we probably won't bother — preferring instead to just chat among ourselves.

However far the journey is you can bet that at least four players will have a game of cards. Lou Macari, Arthur Albiston, Kevin Moran and Jimmy Nicholl rarely miss a chance.

Other players like Stevie, Ray Wilkins, Mickey Thomas, Garry Birtles and myself enjoy a game, but let's just say we are not so dedicated. We are known as the 'Jackanory' school!

Twenty hours to go ...

7pm: On arrival at our hotel — it's usually one that we have used before — the first job is to book into our rooms.

I'm sharing with Garry at the moment although before him I roomed with Mickey and before that Nikki Jovanic.

With the room situation sorted out it's down for an evening meal.

Generally speaking the players eat what they fancy at this time and in my case I like a

Away day with United

good solid steak.

The meal over, it's back up to my room to watch some TV and make a few phone calls.

We don't stick rigidly to our own rooms — generally it's just a time for relaxing before the big game the next day.

If there's a snooker table in the hotel a few of the lads will probably go down for a game... and of course the card school will be in action.

Sixteen hours to go ...

11pm: It's usually about now when I decide to hit the sack and doze off.

It's pretty much up to the players what time they go to sleep, within reason. We don't need telling that we need a good night's sleep before a match.

Six hours to go ...

SATURDAY, 9am: Garry usually rises and I'll follow him about an hour later.



• Mickey Thomas — the cornflake kid.

MANCHESTER UNITED take on Everton at Goodison Park on Saturday and here — in his regular Match Weekly column — United and young England goalkeeper Gary Bailey gives Match readers an exclusive and fascinating insight into his away match routine ...

The papers will have been sent up to our room — the Daily Mail for myself and the Mirror for Garry — and we'll read them over breakfast in our room.

My diet first thing is tea and cornflakes, but Garry prefers tea and toast.

Five hours to go ...

10am: The TV usually comes on around now in readiness for 'Tiswas' — a great favourite of the United players.

Maybe I'll do a few very gentle exercises to 'tune-up', but nothing very strenuous.

Three hours to go ...

12 NOON: It's time for our pre-match meal downstairs. The menu at this point varies quite a lot.

I'll have scrambled eggs on toast, Mickey Thomas simply has a bowl of cornflakes, others will have omelette or steak.

The players drift back up to their rooms to watch the football previews on the TV. I switch from channel to channel to avoid the long interviews.

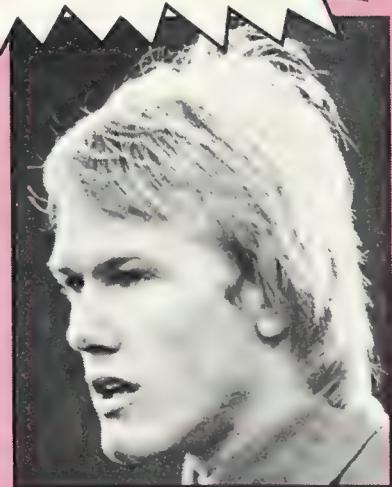
1.30pm: We leave for the ground. There are usually a few fans in reception and we'll spend a moment to sign autographs.

One hour to go ...

2.00pm: We arrive at the ground and go out to test the pitch. I decide which gloves I will wear.

Back in the dressing room I'll get changed and start getting ready for the match. Both myself and Joe Jordan like a long warm-up session.

Garry Birtles and Lou Macari meanwhile don't start getting



changed until about ten minutes before we go out and Mickey Thomas, Steve Coppell and skipper Martin Buchan always have a pre-match bath.

Thirty minutes to go ...

2.30pm: A quick look through the programme whilst away a few more minutes and there's usually a few autograph books to sign and then about 15 minutes before we go out manager Dave Sexton will say a few words.

2.53pm: It's seven minutes before kick off when we finally make our way up the tunnel and take in the atmosphere for the first time.

3.45pm: Half time comes and goes very quickly. I'll have a few mouthfuls of tea and make sure I keep warm for the second half.

4.40pm: At the end of the match I enjoy a long relaxing bath to ease away the tensions and with about 45 minutes to kill before we leave the ground there's usually time for a quick drink and chat about the game in the players' lounge.

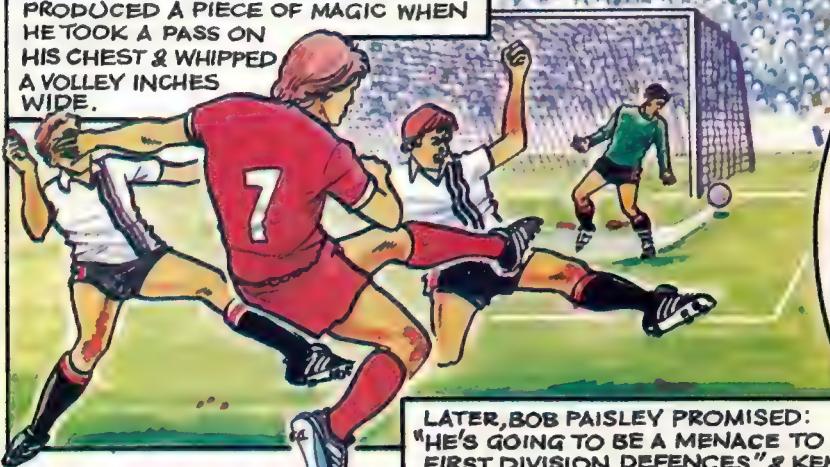
What I do in the evening depends on what time I get home. I always like to just put my feet up for a couple of hours and if it's not too late I'll probably go out with a few friends.

BEFORE THE GAME KENNY IS PRESENTED TO PRINCE PHILIP, WHOM HE HAD MET IN MAY WHEN THE QUEEN ATTENDED A JUBILEE MATCH AT HAMPDEN PARK.

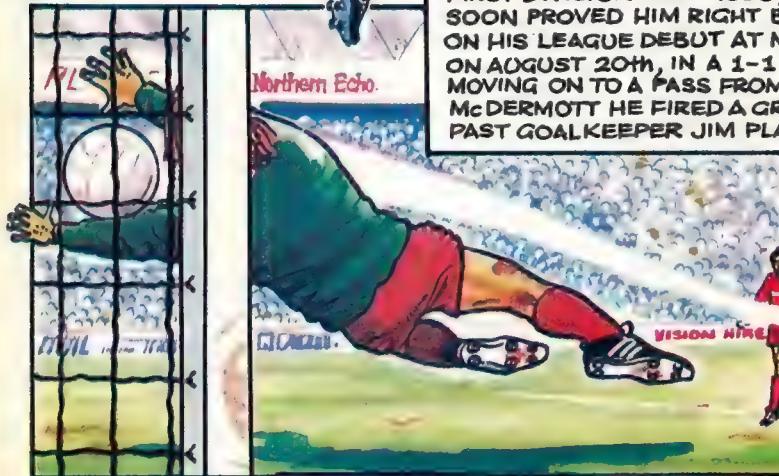
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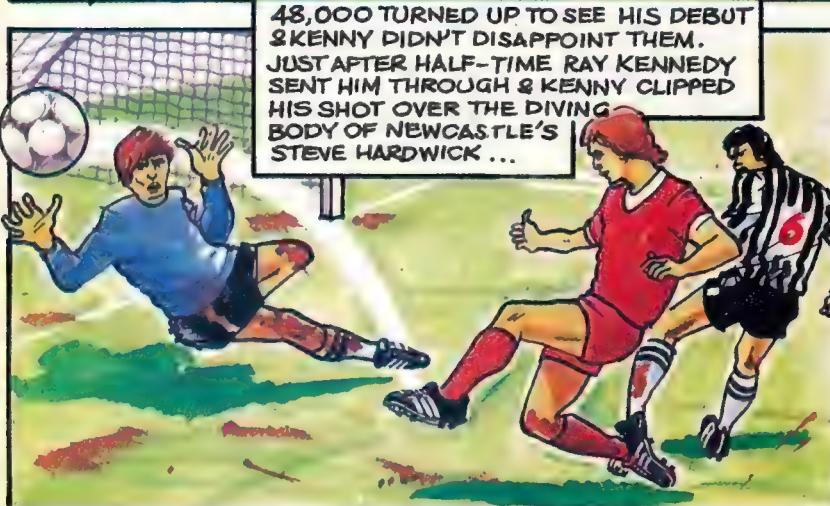
THOUGH HE DID NOT SCORE, DALGLISH PRODUCED A PIECE OF MAGIC WHEN HE TOOK A PASS ON HIS CHEST & WHIPPED A VOLLEY INCHES WIDE.



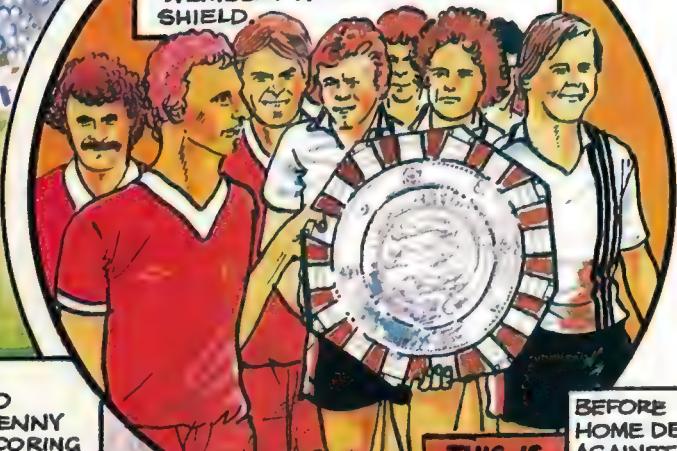
LATER, BOB PAISLEY PROMISED: "HE'S GOING TO BE A MENACE TO FIRST DIVISION DEFENCES", & KENNY SOON PROVED HIM RIGHT BY SCORING, ON HIS LEAGUE DEBUT AT MIDDLESBRO ON AUGUST 20th, IN A 1-1 DRAW. MOVING ON TO A PASS FROM TERRY McDERMOTT HE FIRED A GREAT SHOT PAST GOALKEEPER JIM PLATT.



48,000 TURNED UP TO SEE HIS DEBUT & KENNY DIDN'T DISAPPOINT THEM. JUST AFTER HALF-TIME RAY KENNEDY SENT HIM THROUGH & KENNY CLIPPED HIS SHOT OVER THE DIVING BODY OF NEWCASTLE'S STEVE HARDWICK ...



AFTER THE MATCH WHICH ENDED 0-0, LIVERPOOL & UNITED PLAYERS PARADE ROUND WEMBLEY WITH THE CHARITY SHIELD.

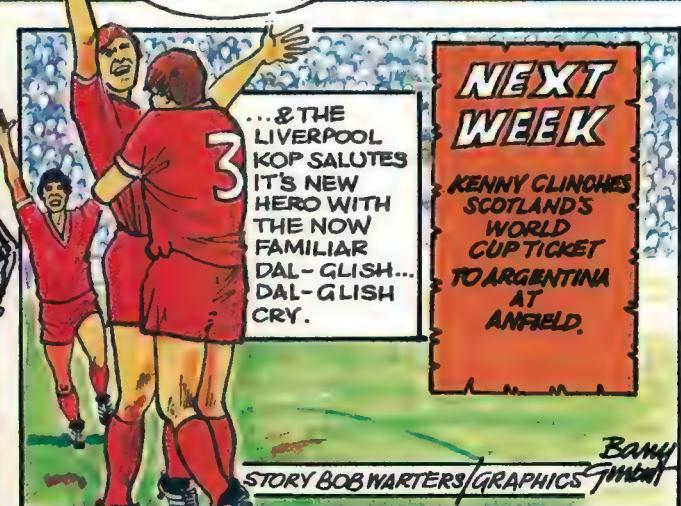


BEFORE HIS HOME DEBUT AGAINST NEWCASTLE, HE MET HIS SCHOOLBOY PAL TOMMY CRAIG IN THE CORRIDOR.



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FRIGHTEN THEM. IT PETRIFIES ME!



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Tony Morley's TV SPECTACULAR

TONY Morley (Aston Villa) v Everton, Division One, Goodison Park, February 7, 1981.

ASTON VILLA striker Tony Morley reserved one of the best goals of the season for the return to his native Liverpool.

His crashing drive on the run paved the way for another crucial Villa victory on their championship trail and won BBC TV's February "Goal of the Month" accolade.

He recalls: "I wouldn't say it

was the best goal of my career but it was a special one for my return home.

"We broke up an Everton attack and Gary Williams fed the ball up to Gary Shaw just inside our half.

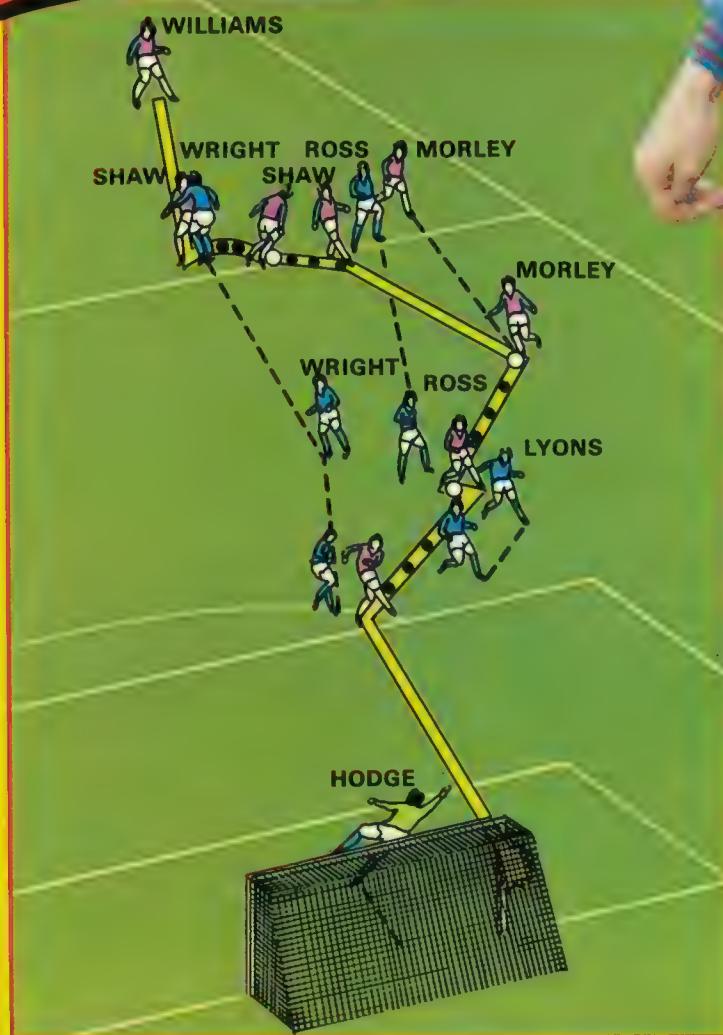
"We have been working on these situations because Gary is good at turning defenders and when he turned Billy Wright I was away down the left.

"My first intention was to go down the line, but as I was leaving Trevor Ross behind, I decided to cut inside.

"I was aware of another Everton player coming across to challenge so I thought I had better try a shot, and, of course, it flew into the top corner.

"It may have seemed a powerful shot on television, but I didn't hit it that hard. The fact that I hit it sweetly on the run made it seem extra powerful."

GOLDEN GOAL



TACKLE A STAR

WHO HAS been the biggest influence in making you the player that you are today? Mark Roberts, Prestatyn, Clwydd, North Wales.

ASA: Without doubt Mark, it would have to be a chap called Stuart Williams who used to be a coach at West Brom. Without his help I probably wouldn't be in the game today.

As a 16-year-old I was so slim and so small that Jimmy Hagan — manager at The Hawthorns at the time — was prepared to let me go.

It was down to Stuart that the club kept me on.

He was the third team coach at the time and he used to get me back in the afternoons for extra training.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE

I remember once when I phoned up and said I was ill he came out looking for me and got me out! He used to work on all aspects of my game with me.

When I wasn't playing myself I used to watch as much football as I could and I used to model myself on the likes of Alan Ball and Billy Bremner.

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THAT LEEDS DEAL

WERE you disappointed when Leeds decided not to buy you? Robert Broad, Hinckley, Leics.

ASA: It was the lowest moment of my career, Robert.

The thought of going to Leeds was the happiest feeling in the world for me at the time.

It was 1971, I'd just turned 21 and Leeds were the best team in the country. It was a great thrill for me. But three days later the dream was over.

I was lucky in that I was back playing for West Brom before a week was up so I didn't have much time to sit around moping. I had my family by me which helped, but it was still a tremendous disappointment.

EVERTON PROSPECTS?

HOW do you rate Everton's young midfielder Steve McMahon and do you feel the Everton side is a future League winner? Andrew Smith (14), Herpenden, Herts, and Barry Hilton, Polegate, East Sussex.

ASA: For someone who didn't even make the substitute's bench last season, Steve has come into the side and done exceptionally well.

Of course, the big test for him will be next season when people know him, but he's a willing lad with a good football brain.

Being realistic about Everton's chances of winning the League it's possible we are one or two players short of having a complete squad capable of taking the title.

Sold by Clough?

WHAT were your feelings when Brian Clough sold you after just one month at Nottingham Forest? Alastair Slade (12), New Malden, Surrey.

ASA: I was bewildered, Alastair. To this day I don't really know why Forest let me go.

They said I wouldn't fit in and that's their opinion, but at the same time I was 27 or 28 years old and had been playing regularly for ten or 11 years — it wasn't as if I was a young lad just coming into the game.

The day it all happened there was talk of Forest selling myself and Tony Woodcock to buy Andy Gray who was still with Aston Villa at the time.

When I asked Brian Clough he said that wasn't the plan.

But the door was open and I had to get out and while I was disappointed it made me all the more determined to do well.

Why Goodison move?

WHAT were your first thoughts when you heard Everton wanted to sign you after your brief spell at the City Ground? P. D. Atkins, Stamford, Lincs.

ASA: I knew Everton were interested in me when I chose to go to Forest. Both clubs had agreed a fee and I'd had meetings with both, but to be perfectly honest I chose Forest because I felt they had more chance of winning honours at the time.

After all they had just won the European Cup and I felt I wanted to be part of their success.

But I was well pleased when Everton came back in for me. My wife was delighted because it meant we wouldn't have to move home and I certainly have no regrets about joining what is a great set-up at Goodison.

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Match FACTS

Player ratings

- 10 — Out of this world**
9 — Outstanding
8 — Excellent
7 — Good
6 — Adequate
5 — Off form
4 — Poor

Match rating

- ★★★★★ A classic**
★★★★ Good value
★★★ Satisfactory
★★ Dull
★ Waste of money

Sunday, March 15

Division Two

OLDHAM (2) 2 (Wylde, pen 24, Palmer 45)
CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Lyon 34, Reilly 84)
Att: 4,836
Oldham: Platt 6, Edwards 6, Blair 7, Hilton 5, McDonough 6, Hurst 6 (sub. Kowenicki 6), Wylde 6, Fletcher 6, Stille 6, Palmer 7, **ATKINSON** 8.
Cambridge: Key 6, Donaldson 5 (sub. O'Neill 6), Murray 8, Turner 5, Fallon 6, Finney 6, Streete 7, **SPRIGGS** 8, Reilly 6, Lyon 6, Christie 7.
Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

Monday, March 16

Division Four

MANSFIELD (0) 0
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Harding 3)
Att: 3,737
Mansfield: Arnold 5, McJannet 6, **WOOD** 7, Barrows 5, McClelland 5, Mann 6, Allen 5 (sub. Pollard 5), Lumby 5, Caldwell 5, Parkinson 6, Thomson 6.
Hartlepool: **RICHARDSON** 8, Linacre 5, Lawrence 6, Harding 6 (sub. Johnson), Bird 7, Brown 6, Kerr 5, Fagan 5, Newton 6, Houchen 5, Hogan 5.
Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (1) 4 (Bowles 43, 52, Chamberlain, M 72, Armstrong 81)
HEREFORD (0) 0
Att: 2,379
Port Vale: Lloyd 6, Brissett 6, Bromage 7, Beech 6, Bowles 6, Sprouse 6, Miller 6, **ARMSTRONG** 9, Chamberlain, N 7, Chamberlain, M 8, Bennett 7.
Hereford: Cashley 5, Price 5, Bartley 5, Hicks 6, Corne 5, Spiring 6, Harvey 6, Lairdaw 7, Showers 6, McGrellis 5 (sub. Jones 6), **WHITE** 8.
Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, March 17

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Worthington 73)
WOLVES (0) 0
Att: 20,005
Birmingham: **WEALANDS** 7, Langan 6, Dennis 5, Dillon 6, Gallagher 5, Todd 5, Ainscow 6, Evans 5, Worthington 6, Gemmill 6, Broadhurst 6.
Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Palmer 6, Parkin 7, Clarke 6 (sub. Bell), McAle 6, Berry 7, Hughes 6, **CARR** 8, Gray 5, Richards 7, Eves 5.
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (2) 2 (Royle 36, 45)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
Att: 14,549
Norwich: Woods 7, McDowell 7, Downes 6, McGuire 8, Walford 7, Watson 7, O'Neill 7, Fashanu 8, **ROYALE** 9, Paddon 7, Barham 7.
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Nattrass 6, Bailey 6, Johnston 7, Ashcroft 6, McAndrew 6

(sub. Angus), Cochrane 6, **PROCTOR** 8, Hodgson 7, Shearer 6, Armstrong 6.
Referee: G. J. Napthine (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Keegan 12, Baker 63, Williams 85)
EVERTON (0) 0
Att: 20,829
Southampton: Wells 7, Golac 7, Holmes 6, Williams 7, Watson 6, Nicholl 7, **KEEGAN** 9, Channon 5 (sub. Puckett), Baker 6, Moran 6, Ball 6.
Everton: McDonagh 6, Gidman 6, Ratcliffe 7, Wright 6, Lyons 6 (sub. McBride), Stanley 5, **McMAHON** 8, Easton 6, Varadi 5, Hartford 6, Ross 6.
Referee: R. Lewis (Gt. Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

SWANSEA (0) 0
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Att: 10,832
Swansea: **STEWART** 7, Evans 6, Hadzibabic 6, Rajkovic 6, Charles 6, Stevenson 5, Craig 5, James, R 6, Curtis 5 (sub. Robinson 5), James, L 6, Mahoney 6.
Bristol City: Moller 6, Stevens 5, Hay 6, Aitken 5, Marshall 6, **SWEENEY** 7, Tainton 6, Fitzpatrick 5, Mabbett 6, Pritchard 5, Whitehead 6.
Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

CARLISLE (2) 2 (Robson 11, 31)
SWINDON (1) 1 (Carter 39)
Att: 4,104
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Coady 6, Watson 5, Hamilton 6, **HOUGHTON** 8, Parker 7, Haig 6, Camborne 6, Robson 7, Beardsley 7, Staniforth 7.
Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 6, Peach 7, **KAMARA** 8, Lewis 6, Stroud 6, Millier 7, Hughes 7, Rowland 6, Greenwood 7, Carter 7.
Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (0) 0
MILLWALL (0) 0
Att: 12,700
Charlton: Johns 6, Naylor 7, Warman 6, Shaw 5, Berry 6, Tydeman 6, **POWELL** 8, Walsh 6, Hales 6, Smith 7, Robinson 5 (sub. Gritt 6).
Millwall: **JACKSON** 8, Sitton 6, Roberts 7, Chatterton 7, Kitchener 8, Tagg 7 (sub. Dibble 6), Massey 6, Anderson 6, Horricks 7, Bartley 6, Hayes 6.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

FULHAM (0) 0
CHESTER (1) 1 (Phillips 42)
Att: 3,387
Fulham: Stannard 6, Clement 6, Strong 6, **BECK** 7, Brown 6, Gale 6, Davies 6, Peters 6, O'Driscoll 6, Wilson 6, Lewington 6 (sub. Day 6).
Chester: **MILLINGTON** 9, Needham 6, Raynor 6, Storton 6, Cottam 6, Oakes 7, Sutcliffe 7, Jones 6, Fear 6, Phillips 6, Ludlam 6.
Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

HULL (0) 0
COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Cotton 4)
Att: 3,586
Hull: Norman 6, Hoolickin 5, Booth 6, Richards 5, Roberts, G 6, Roberts, D 5 (sub. Norrie 6), Whitehurst 5, Ferguson 6, Edwards 6, Mutrie 5, **DECAY** 7.
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 7, Wignall 5, Leslie 5, Wright 6, Packer 7, Osborne 7, Foley 6, **BREMNER** 8, McDonough 5, Cotton 6 (sub. Allinson).
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
Att: 5,453
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, **NISBET** 9, Harrison 7, Hodges 5, Foster 6, Phillipson, Masters 5, Cooper 5, Kemp 5, Sims 7, Murphy 5, Johnson 6.

HUDDERSFIELD: Freeman 8, Brown 6, Robinson 6, Stanton 5, **SUTTON 9, Harvey 6, Lillie 5, Kennedy 6, Austin 5, Robins 5, Cowling 5.**
Referee: M. Bidmead (Chessington)
Match Rating: ★

Referee: E. Linemayr (Austria)
Match Rating: ★★★

LOKEREN (Belgium) (1) 1
AZ67 ALKMAAR (Holland) (0) 0
(Alkmaar win 2-1 on aggregate)

FC COLOGNE (W. Germany) (1) 3
STANDARD LIEGE (Belgium) (1) 2
(FC Cologne win 3-2 on aggregate)

SOCHAUX (France) (1) 2
GRASSHOPPERS ZURICH (Switzerland) (1) 1
(Sochaux win 2-1 on aggregate)

Division Four

DARLINGTON (2) 4 (Speedie 3, Hamilton 35, Charlton 75, Walsh 80)

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Smith, M 30)
Att: 2,091

Darlington: Cuff 6, Kamara 6, McLean 7, Kinnear, K 6, Skipper 7, Speedie 7, Charlton 6, Wicks 7, Stalker 7 (sub. Wilson).

HAMILTON 8, Walsh 7.

Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Jones 7, Armstrong 7, Galliers 7, Smith, M 6, Cunningham 6, Ketteridge 6, Hodges 6, **LESLIE 8, Cork 6, Downes 6.**

Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ★★★
Sendings Off: Galliers, Cunningham (Wimbledon)

SCOTTISH

Division Two

ALBION ROVERS (2) 5 (Ross 18, 54, Burgess 27, Hill, pen 71, Franchetti 80)

STRANRAER (0) 0
Att: 790

Wednesday, March 18

European Champions Cup Quarter-final, Second Leg

CSKA SOFIA (Bulgaria) (0) 0

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Johnson 10)

Att: 65,000
(Liverpool win 6-2 on aggregate)

BANIK OSTRAVA (Czech) (1) 1

BAYERN MUNICH (W. Germany) (4) 4

(Bayern win 6-2 on aggregate)

RED STAR BELGRADE (Yugoslavia) (0) 0

INTER MILAN (Italy) (1) 1 (Muraro)

(Inter win 2-1 on aggregate)

REAL MADRID (Spain) (0) 2 (Isidro 2)

SPARTAK MOSCOW (Russia) (0) 0

(Real Madrid win 2-0 on aggregate)

European Cup Winners' Cup Quarter-final, Second Leg

NEWPORT (Wales) (0) 0

CARL ZEISS JENA (E. Germany) (1) 1

(Kurbjuweit 27)

Att: 18,000

(Carl Zeiss win 3-2 on aggregate)

Newport: Plumley 7, Walden 7, Relish 7, Davies 7, **OAKES 9, Tynan 8, Vaughan 7,**

Lowness 7, Gwyther 7, Elsey 7, Moore 8.

Carl Zeiss: GRAPENTHIN 9, Brauer 6, Schilling 6, Burow 6, Kurbjuweit 7,

Schnupase 7, Overmann 6, Sengewald 6, Beilau 5, Raab 6, Vogel 8.

Match Rating: ★★★★

DINAMO TBILISI (Russia) (0) 0

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Pearson 87)

Att: 80,000

(Dinamo win 4-2 on aggregate)

FEYENOORD (Holland) (1) 4

SLAVIA SOFIA (Bulgaria) (0) 0

(Feyenoord win 6-2 on aggregate)

UEFA Cup Quarter-final, Second Leg

IPSWICH (0) 3 (Butcher 46, Wark, pen 83, Mariner 89)

ST ETIENNE (France) (0) 1 (Zimako 80)

Att: 30,151

(Ipswich win 7-2 on aggregate)

Ipswich: Cooper 7, Steggles 7, McCall 7, **THIJSSSEN 9, Osman 8, Butcher 8, Wark 7, Muhrer 7, Mariner 8, Brazil 7 (sub. O'Callaghan 7), Gates 7 (sub. D'Avray).**

St Etienne: CASTANEDA 8, Battiston 6, Zanon 6, Gordon 7, Lopez 7, Janvion 7, Zimako 7, Larios 7, Roussey 7, Platini 7, Rep 7.

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EXETER (0) 2 (Sparrow 54, Delves 68)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Stancliffe 44)
 Att: 4,462
Exeter: Bond 7, Rogers, M 8, Sparrow 8,
 Forbes 7, Roberts, L 7, Roberts, P 7,
 Pearson 6, Rogers, P 6, Kellow 5, ★DELVE
 9, Hatch 8.
Rotherham: Mouniford 6, Forrest 5, Breckin
 6, Rhodes 5, Stancliffe 7, Mullen 7,
 ★OWNER 8, Seasman 7, Moore 6, Fern
 5, Henson 6.
Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

PETERBOROUGH (3) 4 (Gynn 3, Kellock 7,
 60, Slack 42)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Bramhall 82)
 Att: 3,034
Peterborough: Waugh 6, Winters 6, Phillips
 6, Gynn 7, Slack 7, Smith 7, Quow 7,
 ★KELLOCK 8, Cooke 6, Hodgson 6, Syrett
 5.
Transmire: Johnson 6, Mathias 6, Edwards
 5 (sub. Whittingham 7), Bramhall 7,
 Mountfield 6, Evans 6, Powell 6, Hamilton
 7, Williams 7, ★KERR 8, Griffiths 6.
Referee: G. Flint (Ashfield)
Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (2) 4 (Sullivan 16, MacLeod 29, 57,
 McGarvey 81)
PARTICK (1) 1 (Park 28)
 Att: 15,000
Celtic: Bonnar 7, McGrain 8, Reid 6,
 Sullivan 7, McAdam 6, Aitken 7, Provan 6,
 Conroy 6 (sub. MacLeod 6), McGarvey 7,
 ★BURNS 8, Nicholas 7.
Partick: Rough 7, Welsh 6, Whittaker 7,
 Campbell 6, Anderson 6, Lapsley 6, Park 7,
 McDonald 6, Higgins 7, ★O'HARA 8, Clark
 6.
Referee: J. R. S. Renton (Cowdenbeath)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: Whittaker (Partick)

RANGERS (1) 1 (McAdam 39)
DUNDEE UNITED (2) 4 (Kirkwood 19,
 Bannon 29, 61, Sturrock 58)

Att: 11,000
Rangers: Stewart 6, Miller 7, Dawson 7,
 Stevens 5, Jackson 7, Bett 7, Johnston 6,
 Russell 6, McAdam 6, ★REDFORD 8,
 MacDonald 6.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Holt 7, Stark 6,
 Phillip 7, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Bannon 7,
 Milne 6, Kirkwood 7, ★STURROCK 8,
 Dodds 7.
Referee: W. Anderson (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: Stevens (Rangers)

Division One

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Geddes 24, 70)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
 Att: 3,153

FALKIRK (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Irvine 37)
 Att: 1,500
HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (McNamara 14)
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Brogan 27,
 Docherty 61)
 Att: 3,000

Division Two

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Brogan, og 30,
 Hunter 60)
CLYDE (0) 0
 Att: 200

MONTROSE (0) 1 (Beedie 49)
MEADOWBANK (2) 2 (Davidson 3,
 McCallum 41)
 Att: 250

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 3 (Kyles 66, Leslie 80, 82)
 Att: 320

Friday, March 20

Division Four

STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Bradd 50, 51)
YORK (0) 0
 Att: 1,903
Stockport: Lawson 7, Rutter 6, Sherlock 7,
 Fowler 6, Thorpe 6, Sword 7, Park 6, Sunley
 6, ★BRADD 8, Galvin 6, Coyle 6.
York: Blackburn 6, Hood 6, Walsh 6,
 Stanley 6, Faulkner 7, Craig 6, Ford 6,
 ★BYRNE 8, Randall 7, MacDonald 6, Pugh 7.

Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, March 21

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (2) 2 (Worthington 9, Evans
 16)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0

Att: 16,160
Birmingham: Wealands 7, Langen 7,
 Dennis 7, ★DILLON 9, Gallagher 7, Todd 6,
 Ainscow 7, Evans 7, Worthington 8,
 Gemmill 6, Broadhurst 7.
Man City: ★CORRIGAN 8, Ranson 6 (sub.
 Bennett 5), McDonald 7, Booth 6, Power 6,
 Caton 6, Tuart 7, Henry 5, Mackenzie 5,
 Hutchison 7, Reeves 5.
Referee: R. W. Toseland (Mkt. Harborough)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Robinson 16)

STOKE (1) 1 (Ursem 35)

Att: 13,583

Brighton: Digweed 7, Stevens 7, Williams
 6, Horton 5, Foster 6, Ritchie 6, Gregory 6,
 Stille 6, ★ROBINSON 8, Smith 6, McNab
 6.

Stoke: ★FOX 8, Johnson 6, Munro 6, Dodd
 7, O'Callaghan 7, Doyle 6, Ursem 7,
 Bracewell 6, Chapman 7, Heath 7, Maguire
 6.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)

Match Rating: ★★★

LEEDS (1) 1 (Harris 29)

WOLVES (1) 3 (Richards 10, Clarke 59,
 Gray 88)

Att: 19,252

Leeds: Lukic 6, Greenhoff 6, Gray, E 6,
 Flynn 7, Parkinson 6, ★CHERRY 8, Harris
 7, Chandler 6 (sub. Connor 6), Parlane 7,
 Stevenson 6, Graham 7.
Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Palmer 7, Parkin 6,
 Clarke 7, ★MCALIE 8, Berry 7, Hibbett 6,
 Carr 7, Gray, A 7, Richards 6, Eves 6 (sub.
 Bell 6).
Referee: P. Willis (Co. Durham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LEICESTER (0) 1 (O'Neill 49)

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Price 66)

Att: 15,176

Leicester: Wallington 6, Williams 6, Friar 6,
 Byrd 6, May 7, O'Neill 7, Lynex 6, Melrose
 6, Young 6, ★WILSON 8 (sub. Smith 6).

MacDonald 6.
Crystal Palace: ★BARRON 8, Hinshelwood
 6, Lovell 6, Price 7, Boyle 6, Gilbert 6,
 Basin 6, Brooks 6, Walsh 7, Langley 6,
 Hilaire 7.

Referee: P. Partridge (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Bailey, og 77)

EVERTON (0) 0

Att: 49,743

Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Money 8,
 Irwin 7, Kennedy 7, Hansen 8, Dalglish 7,
 Lee 8, Heighway 7, Case 7, ★SOONEY 9.
Everton: McDonagh 7, Gladman 7, Bailey 6,
 Wright 6, Stanley 7, ★ROSS 8, McMahon
 7, Lodge 6, Varadi 6 (sub. McBride), Eastoe
 6, O'Keefe 6.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 2 (Thomas 17,
 Nicholl 53)

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Butcher 7)

Att: 46,685

Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nicholl 7, Alibiston 7,
 Moran 7, McQueen 6, Buchan 8, Coppell 7,
 Birtles 6, Jordan 8, Duxbury 6, ★THOMAS
 9.

Ipswich: Cooper 7, Steggles 6, ★MCALL
 8, Thijssen 7, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 6,
 Muhrer 7, Mariner 6, O'Callaghan 6, Gates
 7.

Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds)

Match Rating: ★★★★

NORWICH (1) 1 (Fashanu 30)

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Taibot 82)

Att: 19,569

Norwich: ★WOODS 9, McDowell 6,
 Downs 6, McQuire 8, Walford 7, Watson 7,
 O'Neill 7, Fashanu 7, Royle 6 (sub. Robson
 7), Paddon 7, Barham 7.

Arsenal: Jennings 6, Devine 6, Sansom 8,
 ★TALBOT 9, O'Leary 7, Young 6, Nicholas
 6, Sunderland 8, Stapleton 7, McDermott 7,
 Rix 7.

Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Moran 81)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

Att: 20,651

Southampton: Wells 6, Golac 7, Holmes 5,
 Williams 7, ★WATSON 8, Nicholl 7,
 Keegan 7, Channon 6, Baker 5 (sub.
 Puckett), Moran 6, Ball 6.
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Nattrass 7, Bailey

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 Beds; Stuart Jardine, Barber Bridge,
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 Edgbaston, Birmingham; Martyn
 Williams, Wellington, Somerset; Mathew
 Eales, Gallow Hill, Market Harborough;
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 Tadley, Hants; Anthony Newcombe,
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 Richardson, Mauldon, Surrey; Paul
 Saunders, High Wycombe, Bucks; Neil
 Smith, Tipton, W. Midlands; Ian

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 Hodgetts, Warley, W. Midlands; Simon
 Woosley, Hyde, Tameside; Mark
 Johnson, Bishop Auckland, Co.
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 Gavahan, Rishton, Lancs; Simon
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 Thornton Heath, Surrey; Jason Winter,
 Cleethorpes; Ian Graham, Daventry;
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 Croydon; M. Horton, Stancliffe, West
 Yorks; Tim Walls, Yeovil; S. Yates,
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SOLUTIONS to Spot the Difference No.
 40: 1. No. 2 on door missing; 2. One
 puddle less; 3. Bottles blown; 4. Bath
 salts bottle darker; 5. Extra bar of salt;
 6. Black tile has appeared; 7. Player in
 bath has beard; 8. 'This way up' on box
 lid; 9. Trainer's clipboard missing; 10.
 Player on the far side of the bath has
 dark hair.

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Match FACTS

ALL THE LATEST MATCH DETAILS

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7, Ross 6, Angus 7, ★McANDREW 8, Crichane 5 (sub. Ashcroft), Proctor 5, McDonald 5, Shearer 6, Askew 6.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (1) 3 (Hinnigan 5, 86, Cummins, pen 52)
COVENTRY (0) 0
Att: 20,622
Sunderland: Siddall 8, ★HINNIGAN 9, Bolton 7, Elliott 7, Hindmarch 7, Buckley 8, Arnott 6, Cooke 6, Ritchie 6, Chisholm 6, Cummins 8.
Coventry: ★SEALEY 9, Thomas 6, Roberts 7, Blair 6, Dyson 6, Gillespie 6, Bannister 8, Daly 7, Thompson 6, English 6, Hunt 6.
Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Crooks 42, Arribalzaga 73)

ASTON VILLA (0) 0

Att: 35,091
Spurs: Aleksić 7, Hughton 6, Miller 6, Roberts 6, ★BROOKES 8, Perryman 7, Ardiles 7, Arribalzaga 7, Galvin 7, Hoddle 6, Crooks 7.
Aston Villa: ★RIMMER 8, Swain 6, Williams 7, Evans 6, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner 6, Shaw 7, Geddis 6, Cowans 6, Morley 6.
Referee: L. Burden (Dorset)
Match Rating: ★★★

WEST BROM (1) 2 (Gunn, og 6, Deehan 81)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 1 (Mills 46)

Att: 19,269
WBA: Godden 7, Batson 7, Statham 7, Moses 7, Wile 6, Bennett 7, Robson 7, Deehan 6, Regis 6, ★MILLS, D 8, Barnes 6.
Nottingham Forest: Smelt 7, Gunn 6, Gray, F 7, Gray, S 7, Needham 6, Burns 7, ★MILLS, G 8, Wallace 6, Francis 6, Walsh 6 (sub. Ponte), Robertson 7.
Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0

WREXHAM (1) 2 (Carrodus 45, Fox 77)
Att: 6,677
Bristol City: Moller 5, Stevens 5, Hay 6, ★AITKEN 8, Marshall 7, Sweeney 6, Tainton 6, Fitzpatrick 6, Mabbett 6, Pritchard 5, Whitehead 5.
Wrexham: Davies 7, Hill 6, Dwyer 7, Jones 7, Cegielski 6, Carrodus 7, Fox 7, ★ARKWRIGHT 8, Vinter 7, Buxton 6, Cartwright 7.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 (Reilly 74, Christie 86)
CARDIFF (0) 0

Att: 3,719
Cambridge: Key 7, Evans 7, Murray 6, Smith 7, Fallon 6, Finney 6, Streete 5 (sub. O'Neill), Spriggs 6, ★REILLY 8, Lyons 7, Christie 7.
Cardiff: ★GROTHIER 8, Jones 6, Dwyer 6, Hughes 6, Pontin 6, Thomas 6, Lewis 6, Kitchen 6, Stevens 6, Ronson 6, Buchanan 6.
Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHELSEA (0) 0

BLACKBURN (0) 0
Att: 14,314
Chelsea: Borota 6, Locke 6, Rose 6, Burnstead 6, Droy 6, Chivers 7, Britton 6, Fillery 6, Mayes 5, Walker 6, ★ROHODES-BROWN 8 (sub. Lee 5).
Blackburn: ★ARNOLD 8, Branagan 7, Rathbone 6, Kendall 7, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 6, Garner 6, Busby 6, Lowey 6, Burke 6, Speight 6.
Referee: H. Taylor (Leicestershire)
Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (O'Brien 73)

ORIENT (0) 0
Att: 6,846
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 7, O'Brien 7, Goodwin 7, ★KILCLINE 8, Richards 7, McCulloch 6, Masson 7, Christie 6, Hunt 6, Hooks 7.
Orient: ★DAY 8, Fisher 6, Roffey 6, Taylor, T 7, Gray 7, Moores 6, Chiedozie 6.

Margerrison 6 (sub. Godfrey 6), Jennings 6, Mayo 6, Taylor, P 7.
Referee: T. Farley (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★

PRESTON v BOLTON — Match Postponed

QPR (1) 3 (Francis 13, pen 77, Flanagan 86)

DERBY (1) 1 (Powell 32)
Att: 8,905
QPR: Burridge 6, Shanks 6, Gillard 7, Fenwick 6, Wicks 7, Roeder 7, Flanagan 6, ★FRANCIS 9, Sealy 8, Currie 8, Silkman 6 (sub. King 7).
Derby: Jones 7, Emery 6, ★BUCKLEY 8, Sheridan 7, McFarland 7, Powell, S 7, Powell, B 7, Hector 6, Wilson 6, Swindlehurst 6, Clayton 7 (sub. Emson).
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Yorkshire)
Match Rating: ★★★

SHEFF WEDNESDAY v GRIMSBY — Match Postponed

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Turner 61)

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
Att: 4,975
Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, King 7, Leonard 7, ★TURNER 9, Griffin 8, Larkin 7, Tong 8, Atkins 7, Dungworth 8, Biggins 7, Cross 7.
Newcastle: Carr 7, Brownlie 6, ★DAVIES 8, Martin 7, Barton 7 (sub. Carney 6), Halliday 6, Shoulder 7, Trewick 6, Harford 6, Wharton 7, Walker 6.
Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ★★★

SWANSEA v LUTON — Match Postponed

WATFORD (2) 3 (Armstrong 29, Ward 38, Blissett 89)

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Hughes 78)
Att: 10,162
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Pritchett 5, Taylor 6, Sims 6, Bolton 6, ★WARWICK 8, Blissett 7, Armstrong 7, Jackett 6, Poskett 7.
Bristol Rovers: McAllister 7, Gillies 6, Jones 6, McCaffery 6, Hughes 7, ★EMMANUEL 8, Williams, Deraint 6, Williams, David 6, Randall 6 (sub. Griffiths 6), Penny 7, Mabbett 6.
Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★★

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Goddard 82)

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Wyke 49)
Att: 24,394
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, ★LAMPARD 8, Bonds 7, Martin 7, Brush 6 (sub. Barnes 6), Pearson 7, Goddard 7, Cross 7, Brooking 7, Pike 7.
Oldham: Platt 8, Edwards 7, Blair 7, Keegan 7, McDonagh 7, Fletcher 6, Wyke 7, ★HEATON 9, Steel 7, Palmer 8, Atkinson 7.
Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BURNLEY v HUDDERSFIELD — Match Postponed

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Robson 59, Beardsley 89)
HULL (0) 0

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Hull: Norman 6, Hooliekin 6, Booth 7, Richards 6, Eccleston 7, McClaren 7, Marwood 6 (sub. Whitehurst 6), Ferguson 6, Norrie 7, Mutrie 7, ★DEACY 8.
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHARLTON (0) 0

SWINDON (0) 0
Att: 6,495
Charlton: Johns 6, Naylor 6, Warman 6, Shaw 5 (sub. Gritt 6), Berry 6, Tydeman 6, Powell 6, Walsh 6, Hales 6, Smith 6, ★WALKER 8.
Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 5, Peach 6, Carter 6, ★LEWIS 8, Stroud 6, Miller 5, Hughes 5, Rowland 6, Greenwood 5 (sub. Rideout 6), Williams 6.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Kent)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTER (0) 0

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Fern 30)
Att: 3,945
Chester: Millington 6, Needham 5, Raynor 6, Storton 6, Cottam 5, Oakes 6, Sutcliffe 7, Jones 6, Fear 7, ★PHILLIPS 8 (sub. Birch), Ludlam 6.
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 5, Breckin 6, Rhodes 7, Stancilffe 6, Mullen 7, Towner 5, Seasman 6, ★MOORE 8, Fern 7, Henson 6.
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTERFIELD (2) 3 (Entwistle, og 31, Bonnyman 38, Walker 75)

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Thompson 13, Noble 90)
Att: 5,959
Chesterfield: Turner 7, Stirk 5, O'Neill 7,

★WILSON 8, Green 7, Ridley 6, Birch 6, Moss 7, Bonnyman 6 (sub. Kowalski), Salmons 7, Walker 6.

Blackpool: ★HESFORD 8, Gardner 6, Pashey 7, McEwan 7, Sbragia 6, Ashurst 6, Entwistle 5 (sub. Williams), Harrison 7, Thompson 6, Morris 7, Noble 7.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★

EXETER (0) 1 (Kellow 55)

SHEFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Charles 19)
Att: 4,224
Exeter: Main 7, Rogers, N 7, ★SPARROW 8, Forbes 7, Roberts, L 7, Roberts, P 5, Pearson 5, Rogers, P 7, Kellow 7, Delve 6, Hatch 7.
Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Moore 6, Garner 6, Houston 6, MacPhail 5, Kenworthy 5, Wiggin 6, ★GIVENS 8, Charles 7, Hatton 7, Ryan 7.
Referee: H. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
Match Rating: ★★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (Overton 56, White, pen 75)

BRENTFORD (0) 0

Att: 3,916
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Walker 6, ★OVERTON 8, Bruce 7, Weatherly 7, Crabbe 6, Nicholl 7, Duncan 6, Price 6, Lee 7, White 7.
Brentford: McKeillar 7, Tucker 7, Hill 6, ★SALMAN 8, Kruse 7, Hurlock 6, Shrub 6 (sub. Roberts 7), Frost 6, Johnson 6, Harris 7, Crown 7.
Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★

THE remainder of the Saturday programme will be published in next week's MATCH.



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Match writers Steve Coppell, Glenn Hoddle and Dennis Mortimer looking ahead.

BRIGHTON striker Michael Robinson returns to Manchester City on Saturday . . . declaring he is twice the player he was when he left.

He told me: "Personally I think my game has improved 200 per cent since the move."

Maine Road has seen many changes since Michael was a player there and City have enjoyed a dramatic change of fortune . . . climbing up the League, reaching the semi-final of the League Cup and now looking forward to a semi-final tie in the FA Cup.

But there are no hard feelings on his part: "The only disagreement I had with the club concerned Malcolm Allison and he's not there any more.

My tip

"I still have many good friends at City and I'm pleased to see them doing well. I'm tipping them to win the FA Cup."

Much of the credit for City's revival has been put down to the transfer dealings of new manager John Bond, but Michael put things into perspective when he said:

"John Bond is a very good manager, I'm sure, but it didn't need a crystal ball to see that the side needed someone like Gerry Gow to add a bit of bite to the midfield.

"The same goes for Tommy Hutchison — and Bobby McDonald was a pinch. I'm sure he couldn't have bought more wisely.

"I'm just looking forward to the game which in many ways is much more important to ourselves than City as far as points go.

IN THE table on the right Match writer Paul Stratton has predicted scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is . . . beat him if you can!

There's a space for your forecasts, one for dad and a column for the actual results. Award yourself two points for every score you get right and one point if you get a result right (i.e. home, away, draw) but the scoreline wrong.

And why not challenge your friends at the same time?

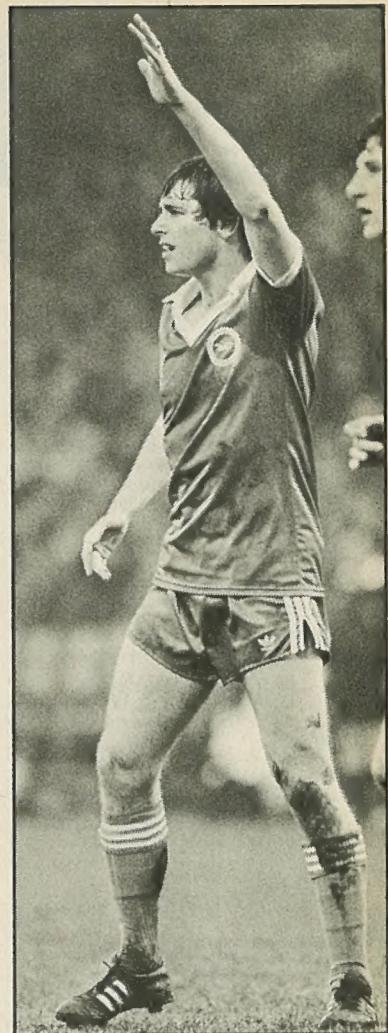
"We've been chipping away and picking up points here and there and if we can keep going I think teams like Sunderland and Wolves will have to start looking over their shoulders. I believe we can get a result on Saturday."

Personally I can't see victory or even a draw for Michael and his Brighton team-mates against the confidence and new found flair of City, but it may be close.

On the same day Norwich City's new signing Martin O'Neill makes a quick return to Nottingham to take on his former team mates at Forest.

But he looks destined for the same fate and I can't see it being a happy re-union for Martin . . . on the field at least!

Right: Seagulls' striker Michael Robinson — tipping his former club Manchester City to win the FA Cup, but fancies Brighton for a result at Maine Road in the League on Saturday.



STRATTON on Saturday

Saturday
March 28

Match	My forecast	Your forecast	Dad's forecast	RESULT
Man City v Brighton	1-0			
Nott'm For v Norwich	3-1			
Stoke v Birmingham	2-0			
Luton v Cambridge	1-0			
Newcastle v Chelsea	0-1			
Brentford v Plymouth	1-1			
Swindon v Exeter	2-1			
P'boro' v Mansfield	1-1			
Torquay v Aldershot	2-0			
Celtic v Aberdeen	2-1			

WHO WON THIS WEEK



POINTS SCORED
PAUL _____
YOURSELF _____
DAD _____

Aggregate scores carried forward to next week
PAUL _____
YOURSELF _____
DAD _____

Why I'd quit Wolves

WOLVES 'super-sub' Norman Bell wants regular first team football . . . even if it means leaving Molineux.

"If manager John Barnwell considers me as just a useful squad player next season I hope he lets me go," says the man who's come from the substitute's bench to score three vital FA Cup goals.

"I've been at Molineux for nine years and don't really want to leave, but I must start making progress. At 25 it's time I was established somewhere."

"The boss could be having a re-think and decide to play three up front next season — I hope so," said Norman.

He is certainly a hit with the fans. The cheers echo around Molineux as Norman takes off his tracksuit and pounds up and down the touch-line.

'Fans think I'm the perfect sub'

But he says: "It worries me that the fans think I'm the perfect substitute because I'd prefer to be playing for the full 90 minutes."

Norman did get an 11-game run in the first team just before Christmas, because of an injury to £1m striker Andy Gray.

"I enjoyed the games and though I played well. In fact, I delayed Andy's return to the team for a couple of weeks."

When Gray did return, Norman was placed on the transfer list. Since Wolves' Cup run has gathered momentum, however, John Barnwell has insisted he will not let him go until it comes to an end . . . and that could be at Wembley.



'We love it as underdogs'

WOLVES have been rated FA Cup underdogs in very round this season and the players love it!

Norman admitted: "Even against Second Division teams like Wrexham and Watford no-one thought we'd win."

"And it won't worry us if we get the same tag against Spurs in the semi-final, because we've made a habit of proving people wrong."

"At the moment the players are walking on air — it's great to know we're just 90 minutes from Wembley."

And if Wolves make it to the final, Norman is determined to be involved in the game this time.

When they beat Nottingham Forest 1-0 in last season's League Cup Final he had to watch the game from the side-lines.

BY 'SUPER-SUB'
Norman Bell

"I had a 50-50 chance of playing at one time because of the threatened suspension of Andy Gray. In the end I had to be satisfied being a spectator."

"Although I was involved in the build-up and went into the dressing room before the game, it was very frustrating watching the lads that day," said Norman.

"But we've got some very important League games coming up before the semi-final. We're too low in the First Division for comfort and we've got to pick up points," added Norman.

'It's a mystery why we can't produce our Cup form in the League although manager John Barnwell reckons we've too many 'old legs' in the side to sustain a 42 match challenge.'

● KEVIN KEEGAN, England's dynamic captain, twice European Footballer of the Year in 1978 and '79, formerly with Scunthorpe, Liverpool, Hamburg and now boasting Southampton's Division One challenge. England's footballer of the Year in 1976.

● Liverpool's Kennedys, full-back Alan and midfielder Ray. KEY players in the Anfield team's domestic and European trophy chase.

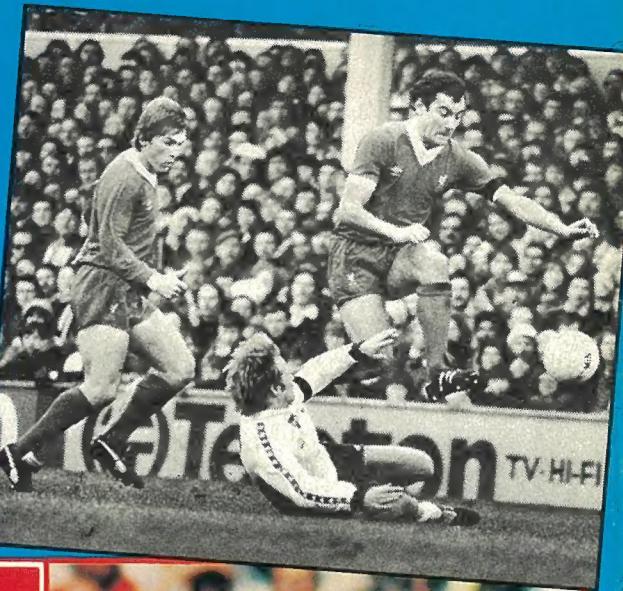
● KICKING — not other players we hasten to mention — but the ball! Free-KICKS, corner-KICKS, penalty-KICKS are all part of the game though the words shot, pass, touch, thump, flick, strike and stroke all seem to be more popular ways of describing simply, the word KICK.

● World Cup favourites like Piet KEIZER, Ruud KROL, and brothers Rene, Willy Van der KERKHOF, Michael Van der KORPUT, and Kais KIST (Holland) and Manfred KALTZ (W Germany).

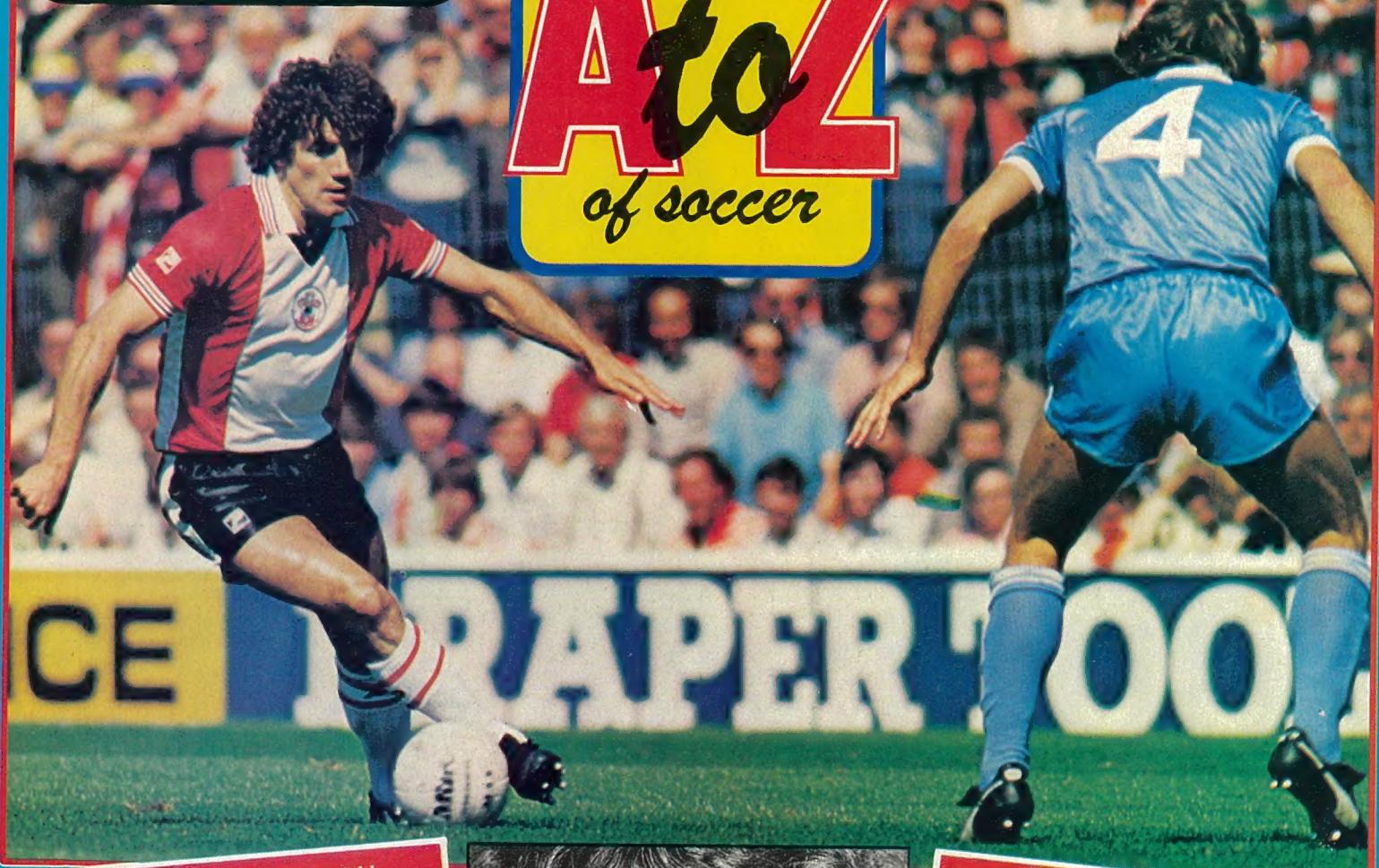
● Blackburn's player-manager Howard KENDALL. Until West Ham's Paul Allen beat him last year Howard, who has had spells with Preston, Everton, Birmingham and Stoke, was youngest FA Cup finalist.

K IS FOR...

Below: K is for Kevin Keegan — in action against Man City's Tony Henry.
Right: K is for high-kicking Ray Kennedy and King of the Kop, Kenny Dalglish.
Bottom: K is for Brian Kidd (Bolton).



A TO Z OF SOCCER



● Division Two's 'K'klan' like Brian Kidd (Bolton), Peter Kitchen (Cardiff), Ged Keegan (Oldham), Jake King and Jack Keay (both Shrewsbury), Eddie Kelly and Brian Kilcline (Notts County), Andy King (QPR).

● KENILWORTH Road, home of Luton, KILBOWIE Park, home of Clydebank and for the 'KILLIES' nickname of Scottish Premier Leaguers KILMARNOCK.

● Two of the south coast's most prolific goalscorers David KEMP (Plymouth) and Tony KELLOW (Exeter).

● Last but not least two of European football's most outstanding players, Argentinian World Cup winner Mario KEMPES (Valencia) and Austria's Hans KRANKL (Barcelona).



Did you know...

JACK Kelsey kept goal for Wales against England in a full international match at Villa Park on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 26, 1958, and then, after a road dash to London, played for his club, Arsenal, against Juventus at Highbury in the evening. There has been only one brother triangle formation in a Football League team since the war — when Jack Keen (left half-back), Alan Keen (inside-left), and Bert Keen (outside-left) all played together for the first time for Barrow in August, 1953, in a match against Port Vale.